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LAST MONTH we announced the resignation of our Business Manager . . . This month we are pleased to announce a new member of the staff . . . Mrs. Edyth B. Deakyne, of Redeemer Mission, Springfield, has taken over the duties of Advertising Director . . . Under her capable supervision, we hope to see The Church News go forward with renewed vigor . . . However, we must again point out that The Church News needs the support of every churchman in the Diocese in making the progress it should as the organ of the second largest Diocese in the Church . . . That means more subscriptions . . . and more . . . and more . . . We also urge our readers to patronize Church News advertisers . . . AND to mention The Church News when giving their patronage . . . Every effort is being put forth to make The Church News interesting to all its readers . . .

Lack of space this month makes it necessary to omit a full report of the vital work being done by the Rev. Dr. William C. Emhardt at the Pro-Cathedral of St. Mary in affording to hundreds of Armenians, Russians, Greeks, Albanians, Ruthenians and others a place of worship and assisting them in their services . . . There is no way to estimate the strength our own Church receives from such reaching out to help these devout peoples, who have much in common with us . . .

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OBJECT

1. To promote Unity of Diocesan Life by disseminating news of the Diocese, its institutions, parishes and missions, and by printing letters and pastorals by the Bishop from time to time. 2. To promote the Missionary and Benevolent Work of the Diocese by publishing reports and appeals, and by recording current news and events.

The Bishop's Message

I CANNOT adequately express my appreciation of the many tokens of affection sent me on my seventy-seventh birthday. I have not been able to send responses to them, but I hope that all my friends will know how greatly I feel these expressions of friendship. Friendship is one of the greatest things in the world, and can even reconcile one to being seventy-seven years old.

We have advanced upon another year, which I hope will be full of blessing to all of us and rich in its accomplishment for the Diocese. I regret that we were not able to fulfil our promise to the National Council, but hope that we may be able to do better in this present year. We are all greatly interested in the whole Church and its work in the world. It was for this world-wide work that the Church and Ministry were ordained by the Master. No one is a real Minister of Christ who has not this conception.

The Lenten Season begins on February 22. This is a season of great blessing to every child of God. It is a period when, by *self-denial*, we endeavor to "keep under our bodies and bring them into subjection." For this reason the Church does not prescribe an elaborate form of discipline, but offers many opportunities for self-denial. There are more frequent parochial services as well as those of a general nature.

All men and boys of the Diocese are invited to the Holy Communion of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew in the Church of the Holy Trinity, Philadelphia, at 8 A. M. on Ash Wednesday. The Committee on Evangelism has a list of most able preachers of God's Word who will deliver their messages every Thursday night at the Church of the Holy Trinity, Philadelphia.

BEGINNING with Mid-Lent Sunday, March 19, until the following Passion Sunday, most of the Parishes will hold a Mission with special preachers and sermons every night except Saturday. It is hoped that special preparation will be made for this, and that every member of every Church will not only make a special effort to attend as many of these services as possible, but that each will constitute himself a special messenger (*angel* is the Greek word) to stir up others to attend.

It was Billy Sunday who said, "If the Episcopal Church ever wakes up, look out." Many of us are awake, but we want the awakening to reach every Parish and every individual. It will not only be productive of great good in our community, but it also will infuse us with a deeper spirit of devotion and give us a greater pleasure in our religion. The reason religion seems dull to us is because we are not really working at it. If business men gave as little and as unsystematic attention to their work as many professing Christians give to their religion, we would have many more failures than we have. Yet the Apostle bids us, "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling."

There is \$7,303 needed to make up our \$30,000 promise for the starving Chinese. I hope everyone will want to give and to give as largely as possible to meet this awful need. Many have given most liberally. One lady sold some of her jewelry to add to her already considerable gift to Missions. If more of us had that spirit, the fund would be more than subscribed.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S PAGE

MINGLED with the disappointment in not being able to send to the National Council the full amount of the Expectation for 1938, there shine some rays of comfort. One was the magnificent spirit of co-operation shown by the parishes and missions during the December days, when they undertook to make the final payments on their Expectations. When the Treasurer's report was read to the Council, in the December 9th meeting, it showed that we had unpaid pledges amounting to \$67,116. That was disturbing news to the Council, especially since previous experience had warned us that about \$10,000 of this amount might not be received. But during the days that followed, over the telephone, and in person, came inquiries, "How much do we owe?" And it was all done with such friendliness and pleasant assurance that they would send the money in that it warmed our heart. And then the money began to come. It was our first experience, and it was thrilling to see the amount grow each day until it reached the final total of \$73,000. That far exceeded our hopes, and too much cannot be said in thanks due to the clergy and wardens and officers of the Woman's Auxiliary, who made this splendid showing possible.

Another real ray of comfort was the unmistakable evidence of increases in Quota acceptances for 1939. In 1938 only forty parishes and missions accepted their entire Quotas, but for 1939, fifty-four parishes and missions have accepted their full Quotas. Forty of these acceptances are for more money than they promised to give in 1938. To express this in another way: In 1938 we asked the parishes and missions for \$364,166.75, and those who sent in pledges promised to give us \$245,994.61. Now, in the October budget we asked the parishes and missions to give \$315,790.41, a reduction of almost \$50,000 over the 1938 budget. The same parishes and missions who promised to give that amount in 1938 accepted Quotas amounting to \$239,377.06, almost the same amount they promised for a much larger budget. This certainly shows a splendid response to the fine work being done by the clergy in developing the missionary spirit of our people.



We may be disappointed, but we are not defeated. We owe the National Council \$17,216.12. That money will be raised and paid. In addition to that, Bishop Taitt wants to receive as early as possible the \$7,341.39 we owe on his pledge of \$30,000 to the National Council for Chinese Relief. How are we going to get this money? The only way is by asking individuals to give over and above that which they give to the parish church. That is the basis of the Diocesan Contributors' Fund.

But the Diocesan Contributors' Fund disappointed us in 1938. True. In 1937 there were ninety-seven people who gave \$52,000 to the Diocesan Contribu-

tors' Fund. These same people gave \$14,252 for the 1938 Diocesan Contributors' Fund. No one will question the loyalty or the affection of those contributing, for Bishop Taitt and the Church. But many simply could not give the same large sums of money this year.

The Church, always in the lead in her demand that people face facts in a never-ceasing search for Truth, must in turn face the facts affecting her temporal welfare. To face them and to acknowledge them is not to be a defeatist. On the contrary, the refusal to do so inevitably means defeat. This new age into which we are so rapidly advancing is convincing some of us that the Church must find new ways of arousing and holding the interest and the financial support of larger numbers of people. EVERY MEMBER CANVASSED should take on a deeper meaning, and we pray God that it will.

We know that a new Field Department will go forth to tackle our problems this year in this spirit, and in passing let us remind everyone that the Field Department, organized in the fall of 1938, had no contribution to give to the Canvass for 1939. It did not function because it was not meant to function then. Its work for 1940 begins now.



One of the new English Missionary Bishops, taking leave of his friends in England, said to them, "If our Lord puts His hand on my shoulder and says 'Go,' He also places His hand on your shoulder and says, 'Keep your eye on him—support him'." As we read this we thought of our friend, the Reverend Robert Frazier and his fine family, who as you read this are just settling in their new home, Laramie, Wyoming, where Mr. Frazier has gone to assist Bishop Ziegler in his great work. Truly we must keep our eyes upon them and help them.



The membership of the Episcopal Church in the United States is listed in the 1938 Living Church Annual as 1,261,167. This membership promised to give in 1938 \$1,506,404 for the Foreign and Domestic Missionary Work of our Church. Now, in 1937, the membership of the Seventh Day Adventists was not quite 450,000. And yet that year they gave to Foreign and Domestic Missions within their Communion \$12,000,000. This is a per capita giving to missions alone of \$27.86. The reader may figure out our per capita giving to missions. The Seventh Day Adventists publish 310 periodicals, and send their message out in 714 languages. During the last year they sent missionaries out to preach in sixty-five new languages. And the reason they are able to do all this is that in addition to their regular offerings they also give *two tithes* a year—one to their Domestic Missions, the other to Foreign Missions.

FREDERICK P. HOUGHTON.

295 YEARS OF WORK IN THE KINGDOM

JANUARY proved fruitful in anniversaries in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, with four parishes and Galilee Mission holding birthday observances.

The churches which commemorated the anniversaries of their beginning were the Church of the Holy Apostles, 21st and Christian Streets; St. Martin-in-the-Field, Chestnut Hill; St. Simeon, 9th Street and Lehigh Avenue, and Calvary, Conshohocken. The ages of these four add up to 253 years, which, with Galilee Mission's 42 years, produces a total of 295 years.

By far the most impressive celebration was at Holy Apostles on Sunday night, January 29, when the massed choirs and clergy of the parish and its four thriving chapels were joined in procession by a number of Presbyterian brethren invited by the rector, the Rev. Dr. George Herbert Toop.

The choirs, numbering 250 voices, were from the mother church, Holy Apostles, and Mediator, Holy Communion, St. Simon the Cyrenian and St. Giles chapels.

The preacher was the Rev. Dr. Lewis S. Mudge, former stated clerk of the Presbyterian Assembly and a member of the committee on church union. Dr. Toop preached an anniversary sermon at the morning service.

Holy Apostles is probably the only church ever founded by Phillips Brooks, who was rector of Holy Trinity when in November, 1867, he called in a handful of men to discuss formation of a new parish in South Philadelphia. Two months later, in January, 1868, services were being held in a small building at 21st and Christian Streets, where the cornerstone of the present church was laid March 28, 1870.

One of the first members of the vestry was the late George C. Thomas, who later became the foremost layman of the whole Church and revolutionized its missionary and Sunday School work.

From the very first, Holy Apostles has attracted outstanding rectors, as evidenced by the fact that three of its six were called to the Episcopate,



The Church of the Holy Apostles, 21st and Christian Streets, celebrated its 71st anniversary on Sunday, January 29, with the choirs and clergy of its four chapels and a number of Presbyterian brethren taking part

as was Phillips Brooks, who founded the parish.

First of the six rectors was the Rev. Dr. Charles D. Cooper, closest friend of Phillips Brooks. He served twenty-six years and resigned in 1894 to be succeeded by the Rev. Henry S. Getz, his assistant for ten years. Mr. Getz resigned in 1899 and was followed by the Rev. Nathaniel S. Thomas, who remained ten years, resigning in 1909 to become second Bishop of the Missionary District of Wyoming.

Bishop Thomas' successor, the Rev. Wilson R. Stearly, was elected to the Episcopate three years later, and only two years ago retired as Bishop of Newark. The next rector, the Rev. William T. Capers, stayed only two years before he was elected Bishop Coadjutor of West Texas, where he has been Diocesan Bishop since 1916. Dr. Toop, who became rector in 1914, has consistently upheld the traditionally high standard set by his prede-

cessors, and it is largely due to his vision and able leadership that Holy Apostles has survived and spread its activities in the face of conditions that have defeated many another church.

Now in the twenty-fifth year of his rectorship, Dr. Toop can count the communicant strength of Holy Apostles and its four chapels at close to 5000.

St. Martin-in-the-Field celebrated its fiftieth anniversary with an octave beginning January 29 when the congregation and choir of St. Paul's, Chestnut Hill, joined them in a service of praise and thanksgiving. The joint choirs were under the direction of Thomas Matthews, organist and choirmaster of St. Martin's. The preacher was the Rt. Rev. Benjamin F. P. Ivins, Bishop of Milwaukee.

The church and grounds, built as the gift of the late Henry Howard

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BOY REFUGEE SEES NEW LIFE OPENING

**Lad Who Fled Terror
of Nazi Persecution
Finds Haven Here and
Chance for Education
in Episcopal Academy**

THE stately white columns flanking the entrance to Episcopal Academy's Middle School gleamed in the bright sunshine of January 6. They seemed to reach out in welcome to a bewildered 12-year-old boy, who not long ago was riding his own pony in Hamburg, Germany.

Already this pink-cheeked, brown-eyed lad, happy in the companionship of his schoolmates, is adapting himself to American ways in the halls and on the campus of the largest and second oldest Episcopal school in America.

He is Siegbert Poritsky, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leopold Poritsky, one of thousands of Jewish families stripped of all their possessions and driven out of their homeland to satisfy a

national hatred of their race. He has a 20-year-old sister.

His arrival here placed Episcopal Academy side-by-side with top-rank English "public" schools which are sheltering and educating boys of

German and Austrian Jewish refugee families.

It was a chance encounter on board the Cunard White Star liner Franconia that resulted in Siegbert's coming to "Episcopal" as the ward of Dr. Guy S. Goodwin, supervisor of the Middle School at the Academy.

Dr. Goodwin went to England in November to visit a dozen of the best English preparatory schools, where he observed many Jewish refugee boys. Returning on the Franconia in late December he found twenty Jewish refugee families coming to the United States.

Through Dr. Rufus Jones, chairman of the American Friends Service Committee, who was returning on the same ship from a mission in Germany, he talked with the Poritsky family. Their plight excited his sympathies and prompted him to offer to take the boy under his care and educate him.

The lad's father and mother were almost overwhelmed by the offer, but

A limited knowledge of English seems to be no barrier to the forming of new friendships at Episcopal Academy, where the boys have welcomed Siegbert (center)



Study and discovery . . . discovery of new things in his new homeland . . . are making of Siegbert Poritsky a very, very busy boy these days



in spite of the persecution she had undergone because of her race and faith, the mother would not give her consent to the arrangement until she had Dr. Goodwin's assurance that Siegbert would be trained in the Jewish religion until he reached confirmation age.

Immediately after their arrival here from New York, Dr. Goodwin took Mr. and Mrs. Poritsky and the boy to Dr. William H. Fineshriber, of Temple Keneseth Israel, who agreed to supervise his religious training.

Told in advance that Siegbert was coming to live at the Academy, the boys of the Middle School expressed their eagerness to welcome him and "show him the ropes."

Siegbert is now settled in the apartment atop the Middle School, which is shared by Dr. Goodwin, Dr. William Ortlepp, head of the English Department, and five Upper School boys.

He likes books, but he likes better to tinker with things electrical. He has built a small radio set. He examined with keen interest the first American football he had ever seen. He is used to the round ones used in Germany.

Back in Germany Siegbert's father was a prosperous manufacturer of fine period furniture. His property

was confiscated by the Nazi officials, who even took the rings from the fingers of his wife and daughter. He was allowed to buy passage to America, but at the Franco-German frontier on the way to Paris he was allowed to keep only \$40.

Evidently pumped dry by what they had gone through in Germany and by fear for the fate of relatives still over there, there were no tears when Siegbert kissed his father and mother goodbye as they left the Academy to return to New York. Mr. and Mrs. Poritsky planned to go to Kansas City, where friends have arranged to help them establish themselves anew.

Siegbert, who possesses a good sense of humor and a quick intelligence, is already making good headway in his studies in the First Form at the Middle School.

Checkers is one of the boy's favorite games, and he trounces his benefactor consistently at the board. But his recreational interests already are taking an American tinge, and he is going in for "gym" and all the other sports activities open to boys of the Middle School.

And Dr. Goodwin, who brought all this about, quietly says: "Nothing gives me more satisfaction than the knowledge that I can shelter a victim of Hitler's hate."

FR. PRIEST OFFERS ADVICE TO DOUBTERS

CONVINCED that doubts concerning religion comprise one of today's greatest drawbacks to the advance of the Church and that the Church should answer the harassing questions raised by such doubts in the minds of potential Christians, the Rev. Benjamin R. Priest, associate rector of St. James's Protestant Episcopal Church, 22nd and Walnut Streets, has formulated a plan to provide the answers.

"The Church is the only source from which the doubting and the troubled can obtain the peace of mind and tranquillity of spirit that come with understanding," said Father Priest, in announcing the plan. "Therefore, the Church must do something about a situation that adds to the distress of an already over-distressed world."

That "something" is a series of ten evening services in St. James's, that began January 8 when Father Priest answered the question, "Why Religion?" around which the whole disturbing situation revolves.

On succeeding Sunday evenings, Father Priest has been taking up, one by one, ramifications of that question, which are not peculiar to any particular denomination or creed, but are matters of grave concern to Catholic and Protestant in many parts of the world.

The last service in the series will be held March 12, the Third Sunday in Lent. Other subjects in the series are: "Why a Church?" January 15; "Why Be a Christian?" January 22; "Why Should Sacraments Come Between Me and God?" January 29; "Isn't One Church as Good as Another?" February 5; "How Can I Be a Christian?" February 12; "Shouldn't Every Christian Be Entitled to Receive Holy Communion in Any Church?" February 19; "Has the Church a Social Problem?" February 26; "What Should a Christian Do?" March 5; and "How Should I Make My Communion?" March 12.

The finest of the great music of the church, sung by St. James's excellent choir of men and boys, will be heard at these services.

The aspiring man never arrives at the goal of his ideals, for that would place them too near. —Bishop Woodcock.



Football is an entirely new game to Siegbert Poritsky . . . at least as it is played in America . . . but with Jay Street (left) and Cooper McCarthy to coach him, it won't take him long to learn his way around the gridiron

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BISHOPS' BIRTHDAYS

THE Episcopal Church is singularly lacking in honors to bestow upon its clergy and laity for meritorious service. Usually it doesn't publicly recognize their service at all, being content to let them "lay up treasures in heaven where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt and where thieves do not break through and steal." Occasionally, however, it does give out an earthly and corruptible honor; but even then too often of a most inappropriate sort. For if a rector has completed a quarter of a century of distinguished service in the ministry, or has made some notable contribution to the social welfare of the community in which he lives, the only way in which the Church thinks of honoring him is by persuading an educational institution, which is licensed to do so by the State, to grant him a degree of doctor of divinity; thereby in many cases deceiving even the elect, who in their innocence suppose that the recipient of a degree of D.D. must surely be very learned, though he himself, good man, being honest, protests that he is not a scholar at all.

Would it not be better for the Church to use its imagination and do something like the King of England does every year in his "honors list," when he rewards engineers, musicians, social-workers, dining-car porters, clergymen, generous campaign-contributors and others who have done some meritorious deed by conferring upon them the Order of the British Empire, or some such honor? Suppose King George was restricted to A.B. or B.S. in his list of honors. What would he do for that brave dining-car porter? Make a permanent joke of him by conferring upon him an A.B.?

Why then should we perpetrate the folly of making a man a "doctor" for raising a lot of money, or building a magnificent church, or getting elected to a high office? Why not invent a new honor and reserve academic degrees for those self-effacing and most useful men who are laboring so faithfully in the rich fields of ecclesiastical and Biblical learning?

We therefore propose that once a year the Bishop of every diocese award to clergymen and laymen who have rendered meritorious service to the Church during the past year some honor, either in the form of a medal (like the Bok Award), an "order," or a title, which would be a public recognition of the Church's appreciation. The Pope does this for the Roman Church, and, though we would not like to follow his imitation of the rulers of this world in granting titles of nobility, we should at least do for our own people what he is trying to do for his—publicly recognize honest worth. We do not need to do it by an educational degree, as we now do, or by imitating secular monarchs, as the Pope does, but by some visible symbol of regard for their service. How long will we flaunt the ragged poverty of our imagination before the world by bestowing only academic honors upon our faithful servants when very few of them are engaged in academic work?

THOSE WHO ARE STRONG

HIDDEN away in some of the modest parish papers which come to our desk, there are often "gems of purest ray serene," whose beauty should not be left only for the eyes of the few who read their local parish papers, but should be exhibited to the whole Diocese.

One, which delighted us and will please our readers, was a list in *The Messenger* of St. Thomas' Church, Whitmarsh, of a few of the extra-curricular activities of the good people of that parish during the last year. It is both encouraging and challenging to hear how St. Thomas', in addition to over-paying its quota, did so many nice little things for some of the missions in the Diocese and beyond—helping one to paper a cheerless, neglected rectory, another to repair the roof of its parish house, another to make new driveways in its historic church-yard, another to build a sidewalk, and, farther off, making it possible for a Bishop to employ a lay reader for a work in the West. Thus in many ways and in many places, they followed the admonition of the Apostle that "those who are strong ought to bear the burdens of the weak."

It is a pleasure to point out this splendid record; and a greater pleasure still to say that not St. Thomas' alone, but several other parishes also are doing the same kind of thing in many fields of the Church's work.

I LIKE to think of the faith of a Christian as conviction concerning a fact in history: that God manifested Himself in His Son in order that a man might know what a man is like and what is a man's relation to God; that God in Christ has bestowed upon human nature the same power which God uses and which our Lord taught us to call the Holy Ghost.
—Bishop Lloyd.

DIOCESAN REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK

Jottings About What Goes On In Parishes and Missions in the Diocese of Pennsylvania

THE last week of January was marked at St. James', Prospect Park, by a preaching mission conducted by the Rev. Richard S. Watson, rector of Christ Church, Tuscaloosa, Ala. There was an hour of meditation for women each day from 10 to 11 o'clock and a preaching service daily at 8 P. M., excepting Saturday. Mr. Watson preached at both morning and evening services on the Sundays that began and ended the week.

The parish Altar Guild and the Young People's Fellowship held their annual corporate communion Sunday, January 8, at 7:45 A. M., at St. Mark's, Frankford. The rector, the Rev. Edmund H. Carhart, was the celebrant.

Bishop Roberts, of South Dakota, preached at Holy Trinity Church at the 11 o'clock service Sunday, January 15. The service was conducted by the Rev. Dr. E. Frank Salmon, recently instituted rector.

The Epiphany Service of Lights was held Sunday night, January 8, at 8 o'clock, at the Church of the Incarnation, Drexel Hill, with traditional tableaux depicting the adoration of the infant Jesus by the Wise Men; the calling of the twelve Apostles; the betrayal by Judas; the choosing of Matthias, and the command to go into the world to preach the Gospel. The rector, the Rev. William P. C. Loane, was the narrator.

The second Sunday after Epiphany was observed at Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Episcopal Church, Delaware Avenue and Christian Street, with a candle light service and a mystery play at 8 P. M. The third Sunday was marked by another candle light service and the traditional burning of the greens.

A special program in honor of Cecil Law was held in St. Na-

thanael's Church Wednesday night, December 28, in recognition of his unbroken attendance at Sunday School for the last twenty-five years.

A series of evening addresses on cities in which St. Paul preached during his missionary journeys was begun at St. Stephen's Church, 10th and Chestnut Streets, on Sunday, January 8, by the Rev. Dr. Vincent C. Franks, who has visited a number of the cities in his own travels. The series includes talks on Tarsus, Paul's birthplace; Jerusalem, Damascus, Ephesus. Troy and Rome will be the topics on February 12 and 19.

George Herbert Randall, of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, spoke in St. Mary's Chapel, Cathedral Church of Christ, at the morning service on Sunday, January 8.

After several years of consideration, the vestry of Holy Trinity Church is redecorating the chancel and replacing the woodwork in the arch behind the Communion Table with a dossal curtain in a harmonizing shade of green. Corresponding color effects will be incorporated in the painting of the spaces within the other two arches. Contributions to a fund of about \$1250 to defray the cost of the changes are asked by the rector, the Rev. Dr. E. Frank Salmon.

January 1 was observed as Delaware State Sunday in Washington Memorial Chapel at Valley Forge. The Very Rev. Hiram R. Bennett, Dean of the Cathedral Church of St. John, Wilmington, officially represented Governor McMullen at the services and delivered the principal address. A tribute to the State of Delaware, prepared by Rehoboth High School, was read and the Samuel B. Brown and H. O. Wilbur Memorial Choristerships were awarded. The Rev. Dr. John R. Hart conducted the



One of the three historical windows recently installed in Christ Church (Old Swedes'), Upper Merion, is pictured here. Incidents in the church's history are represented

service, which was under the auspices of the Delaware Society, Sons of the Revolution.

The mid-Winter meeting of the Rectory Club will be held Wednesday, February 15, at the Women's City Club, 1622 Locust Street, with luncheon at 12:30 P. M. Mrs. Grafton Burke, widow of Dr. Burke, for thirty years head of Hudson Stuck Memorial Hospital, Fort Yukon, Alaska, will be the guest speaker.

Father Joiner, rector of St. Clement's, reports a good attendance average for the series of five lectures for the laity on Monday nights in January. The speakers were deans of the five outstanding seminaries of the Eastern States. Their subjects included Church history, Old Testament, Christian biography, missions and missionaries, and pastoral theol-

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ANTICIPATING A NEW HYMNAL

Elevation of Standards Must
Be Kept Foremost by Those
to Whom the Task of Revision
Is Entrusted

By HAROLD W. GILBERT

NEXT to the Bible, Christian Hymnody has wielded the greatest religious influence of any medium that we possess. It affects the lives of countless worshippers every Sunday, and reaches into their homes through the week. The proper use of so powerful an agent should therefore be a matter of prime importance to every clergyman. He should be eager to support any move that undertakes to guard the standards of the Hymnal and to enlarge its capacity for religious stimulation.

There are good and bad hymnals in every age, and even the bad have their service to perform, for their very faults present a warning against too hasty preparation and inadequate editorial judgment. Those who scoff at highbrow hymns—whether text or tune—should keep in mind that standards of tastes differ widely in any given area. We all recognize the place of evangelization in the work of the Church. But what, after all, constitutes a good evangelical hymn? Some people will be won to the Church through the singing of sentimental songs, but others will require an appeal of a very different sort. We should bear in mind, too, that all of us must continue to use our Hymnal week after week for many years. It must wear well.

In compiling a new hymnal, attention should be directed three ways—backward, forward, and straight up. Backward looking will preserve old treasures that have stood the test of time and now emerge from the mass of hymn material that has accumulated over many centuries. The best hymns of former ages should not be lost. They tie us to the past, and remind us of the devotion and sincerity of earlier Christian days.

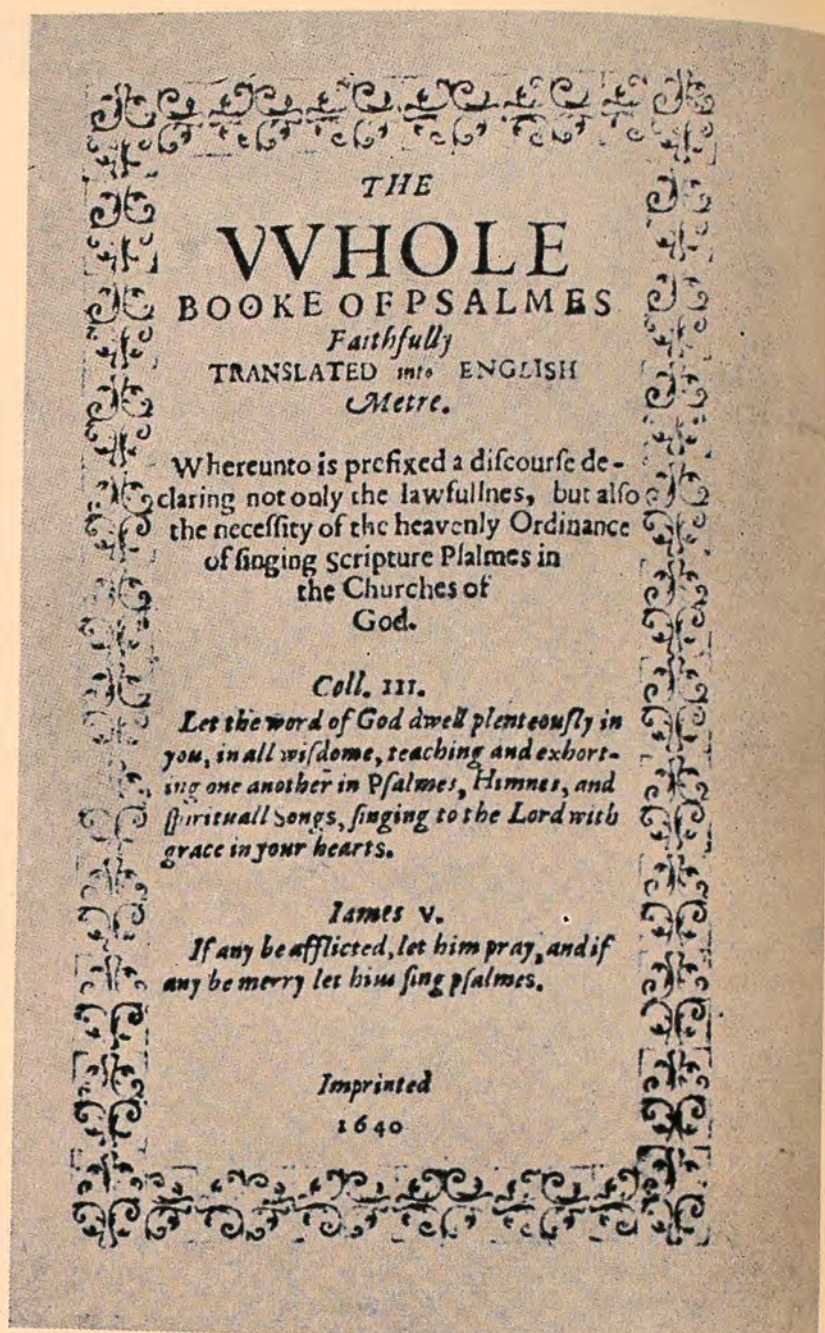
Forward looking tries to anticipate

the needs of the coming generation. Some hint of those needs is to be found in world conditions about us at the moment. Although ideas and ideals change with the years, the youth of today will not be very unlike the youth of tomorrow; the things that lift today's youngsters out of their whirl of pleasure and for a brief moment sober their thoughts and awaken their sensitive perception of purity and sincerity will always so affect them, in whatever decade. So, with every exertion of imagination and prophecy, the compilers of today's Hymnal must be forward looking.

Evaluating the hymns of our own time is a thankless and uncertain business. By what standards is one to judge? We see all about us the

indisputable evidences of tastes that reach upward and tastes that reach downward. Who is to say which of God's children are most worthy to be spiritually ministered to? The Hymnal must be kept within practical limitations of size; it must not neglect the past; it must not fail to peer into the future. It must contain a suitable number of hymns for every possible occasion and for every possible Church teaching. It must maintain a wise balance between hymns that express the joys of Christianity and those that pour out the appeals of humble and prostrated penitents; between songs that sing of Christian conviction and those that entreat guidance for wavering faith. In a question of merit, therefore, in ap-

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The Bay Psalm Book, published in 1640, was the first book printed in America. It marked the birth of American Psalmody

DIOCESE TO UNITE IN LENTEN MISSION

Nearly 100 clergymen and laymen met January 18 at luncheon in Holy Trinity Parish House, 217 South 19th Street, to discuss plans for a Lenten preaching mission designed to unite more than 70,000 communicants during the week beginning Sunday, March 19, in the greatest spiritual enterprise ever undertaken in this diocese.

The plan is sponsored by the Commissions on Evangelism and the Forward Movement, acting as a joint body, with the Very Rev. Stanley V. Wilcox, rector of St. Paul's, Chester, and Dean of the Chester Convocation, and the Rev. Dr. John Knight Shryock, rector of Grace Church, Philadelphia, as co-chairman. Dean Wilcox presided at the meeting.

The Rev. Wallace E. Conkling, rector of St. Luke's, Germantown, presented the plan for the mission, which, if followed, will unite the people of the diocese in voice, in thought and in worship.

Father Conkling urged that all in the diocese begin using at once in their daily private devotions as well as in their public worship the following prayer:

"Have mercy, good Lord, on all in this diocese during the special season of prayer and consecration of this mission. Let thy Spirit be poured out among us; the Spirit of light and truth, to shed abroad in our hearts holiness, wisdom, peace and love; the Spirit of grace and supplication to teach us earnestly to pray unto thee. Let thy blessing rest on every heart, that all may be brought unto thee in parts of the diocese singing the same hymns, saying the same prayers, having their thoughts directed toward consecration and a deepening conversion to Jesus Christ, all at the same time, thrills me as nothing has ever done before," said Father Conkling, in outlining to those present the purpose of the plan.

He urged the clergy to begin now to prepare their parishioners for the mission that they might approach it in a spirit of deepest devotion.

Dean Wilcox announced that eighty-two parishes canvassed had agreed to hold missions, that some already had arranged to hold them, and that twenty-nine members of the

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DIOCESAN BUDGET ADOPTED FOR 1939 PRESENTED MANY TRYING PROBLEMS

A SPECIAL session of the Executive Council adjourned January 30 after adopting a Diocesan Budget of \$281,205.27 for 1939. This budget represents the following principal items:

Diocesan Maintenance	
Budget	\$117,451.95
National Council	117,451.95
Non-Divisible with National Council:	
Episcopal Hospital	\$26,000.00
Church Extension Fund	6,000.00
Bishop's Bricks Fund	1,000.00
Miscellaneous Items	13,301.37
Total	\$281,205.27

The story behind this budget begins last October when, after a number of meetings of the Budget Committee, the Department of Finance and the Executive Council, a tentative budget for 1939 was set up. Principal items in that budget were:

Diocesan Maintenance	
Budget	\$141,395.23
National Council	141,395.23
Non-Divisible with National Council:	
First three items above	\$33,000.00
Total	\$315,790.46

Estimated receipts on which that budget was based were as follows:

Expectations from Parishes and Missions	\$240,000.00
Overpayments on Expectations	15,000.00
Diocesan Contributors' Fund	60,000.00
Total	\$315,000.00

However, early in January, when it was learned that the receipts for 1938 in the Diocesan Contributors' Fund were nearer \$20,000 than \$60,000, it was necessary to reconsider the whole financial situation, for it then became evident that there would be a shortage, not only in the 1938 budget, but in the 1939 budget as well.

On December 31, with all Diocesan bills paid, there still remained due \$22,216.12 on the Diocesan Expectation of \$132,864.41 to New York. Later \$5000 was raised toward that sum, leaving a balance of \$17,216.12 due New York.

This, then, was what the Executive Council faced on January 13. In a trying three-hour session it strove to find a way to meet the shortage for 1938 and to increase the 1939 Expectation to the National Council, which had shrunk since October to \$103,250.00. Finally the budget presented by the Finance Department was adopted provisionally for two months and the council voted to have a committee, composed of the Deans, the Department heads and the Bishop, endeavor to cut the Diocesan Maintenance Budget by \$15,000 and to add that amount to the Expectation to New York.

That committee, in two arduous sessions on January 17 and 23, succeeded in drastically cutting some \$8200 from the budget. The Field Department, through its vice chairman, William H. DuBarry, announced it would undertake to raise \$30,000 in 1939 as well as the \$17,216.12 for 1938. Through the efforts of the Executive Secretary, a number of parishes agreed to increase their Expectation pledges by approximately \$6000. These three factors enabled the Finance Department to present the balanced budget finally adopted.

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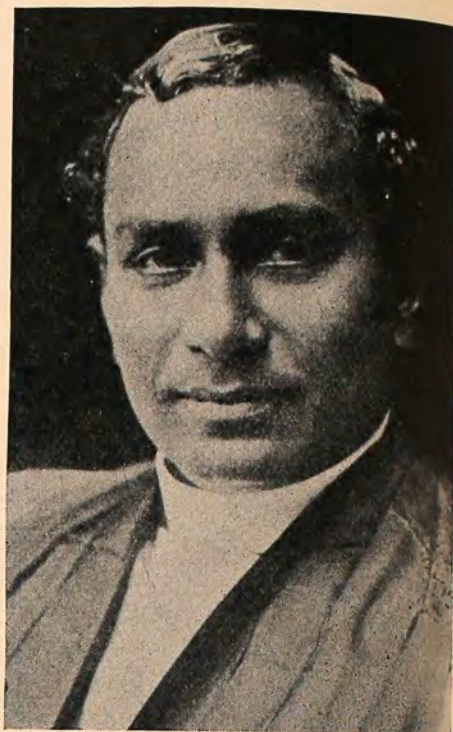
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MRS. GRAFTON BURKE

Widow of Dr. Burke, of Hudson Stuck Memorial Hospital, Fort Yukon, Alaska, will be the speaker at the Missionary Mass Meeting sponsored by the Woman's Auxiliary of the South Philadelphia Convocation, on Monday evening, February 13, at 8 o'clock, in St. Mary Pro-Cathedral, Broad and South Streets



BISHOP AZARIAH

Of the Diocese of Dornakal, India, describes the needs and opportunities for the Christian Church in his vast and mysterious land of more than 350 million souls

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT

Edited by **DOROTHY SIBLEY HOPKINS**

THE eyes of the world have been turned toward Madras, India, where 450 delegates from all denominations and from every country have been in conference regarding the function and outlook of the Church in this day of troubled world situations.

Upon the return of the delegates from Madras, a series of interdenominational meetings will be held in various centers in this country to hear reports of the great gathering and to discuss its findings.

The meetings in Philadelphia will be February 9 and 10. Dr. Leslie B. Moss, executive secretary of the Foreign Missions Conference and a delegate at Madras, will have with him here Professor Gonzalo Baez Carmago, of Mexico; Dr. P. C. Hsu, of China, and Miss Ida Sircar, of India.

In this city a group of 100 sponsors has been organized under the leadership of Dr. Merle M. Odgers, president of Girard College, and every church in the city and its environs has been requested to name promotion committees and to select carefully delegations of church officers and business men, missionary-minded women, church school teachers and leading young people to attend the meetings of this Post-Madras Conference and report on them.

At the Triennial Conventions in Denver in 1931 and in Atlantic City in 1934 our own Church voted to re-

spond affirmatively to a request to help in the task of Christianizing India. The appeal for help had come from Bishop Azariah, of the Diocese of Dornakal, India.

The women of all the churches under the Missionary Education Movement are studying India this year. The Educational Department of the Woman's Auxiliary for the Diocese of Pennsylvania is having a training course on India for leaders. It meets at Church House every Wednesday at 2 P. M., the final session to be on February 15.

Of special interest to women will be the sessions of the Post-Madras Conference at 10:30 A. M., February 9, in Holy Trinity Church, 19th and Walnut Streets, and the General Mass Meeting at 7:45 P. M., February 10, in First Baptist Church, 17th and Sansom Streets.

The complete schedule of meetings of the conference follows:

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9

9:30-12:00—First Baptist Church, Pastors' Meeting.

9:30-12:00—Holy Trinity Church, Women's Meeting.

Noon—Luncheon Meetings.

Afternoon—Teas and Conferences.

Evening—Great Youth Meeting, the Rev. Dr. Daniel A. Poling, Chairman.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

9:30-12:00—Meetings of Officers

and Leaders of Missionary Societies.

Noon—Luncheon for the Public under Auspices of the Conwell Luncheon Committee.

4:30—Students' Conference, followed by Students' Supper, Mitten Hall, Temple University.

Evening—First Baptist Church, General Meeting.

Something of the needs and opportunities for the Christian Church in India may be gathered from the following excerpt from the sermon preached by Bishop Azariah last October at the consecration of the Anglican Bishop of Travancore and Cochin in St. George's Cathedral in Madras:

"It is essential that we make clear that the task of raising India's neglected classes is not merely a social, educational or economic one, but above all, a moral and spiritual problem. Those who speak in appreciation of the work of the Church among the depressed classes do not often realize this secret of its success—effective service rendered by those who, in addition to the material gifts, have the spiritual means of illuminating their hearts, quickening their spiritual faculties and relating them to a living God and a Saviour from sin.

"The Church, therefore, which knows and possesses this secret, has still its duty to employ this mighty leverage in the uplift of these people,

so that Christ may make them free. Honesty will compel our national leaders to acknowledge this service of Christianity to the country in the past, and equity will demand that no step be taken in the present that may adversely affect this valuable national service, of which every true lover of India can justly feel proud. Mistaken nationalism might for a time think and act otherwise; but common sense and fairness, we hope, will ultimately prevail.

"Meanwhile, the Church's duty is clear. It must relax in no legitimate endeavour to proclaim Christ to all. It must manfully face all hostility and obstacles that may arise from passing phases of nationalism and patriotism. It must cheerfully nerve itself to meet inconveniences, deprivations and enactments that may prejudicially affect its evangelistic task. It must refuse to be terrified or give room for despair about the future. It must once again assert its trust in Him who is the Alpha and the Omega, the Lord God which is, and which was and which is to come—the Almighty. The Governments of this world are directed in the interests of the Kingdom of God and His Christ. He is the Lord of Lords and King of Kings, and He reigns. Only thus will it make sure of ultimate victory by following the Lamb, that is, by the way of endurance and self-sacrifice."

From the Rev. George Van Bibber Shriver, missionary in Dornakal Diocese, came to Mrs. Thomas L. Harris, Educational Secretary, Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese, the following suggestions for objects to which the Mission Study Offering might go:

"The average Indian church costs from \$25 to \$40. As the work spreads it is necessary to build new churches and it would be very helpful to have a fund for this purpose; also it is necessary to build from time to time houses for the teachers to live in in the villages. They also cost about \$25 each. The buildings are made of a kind of clay with thatched roofs. Every three years the thatch has to be replaced and the clay walls repaired. If you would like to start a building fund to supply teachers' houses, churches, and their repairs, I know it would be very welcome.

"There is only one other piece of permanent equipment that I know is

JUNIOR WOMAN'S AUXILIARY NEWS

THE women of the Diocese of Pennsylvania give about one-tenth of the total raised throughout the Church by the United Thank Offering each triennium, and, with one exception, have led all other dioceses in that work, Mrs. Francis L. Packard, Diocesan U. T. O. Custodian, told the Junior Woman's Auxiliary at its monthly executive meeting in Church House on January 4.

"We must not fail to keep up to the high standard we have set," she said. "The Juniors should help uphold the work of the U. T. O. and should strive to get more women sharing—each should get at least one. The Thank Offering blesses him who gives and him who takes."

To avoid conflicts with other diocesan meetings, it was decided to change the regular executive meeting from the first Wednesday to the second Wednesday of each month. This will be a permanent change, which will affect alternate afternoon and evening meetings of the Junior Woman's Auxiliary. The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 8, 7:45 P. M., in Church House. Mrs. John E. Hill will summarize the reports of the meetings of the National Executive Board of the Woman's

Auxiliary to which she was elected last Fall.

Under the chairmanship of Miss Marion Brown, the Junior Auxiliary devotional chairmen met in Church House February 1. Plans are under way for a Quiet Evening of Prayer for Junior Auxiliary members during Lent.

Preparatory to the study of India, the educational chairman, Miss Gladys Rondinella, held a meeting of parish educational secretaries to help them plan their study classes.

The provincial rating of the Junior Auxiliary of this diocese was introduced by the president, and statistics were mentioned and discussed so that all groups might strive to raise their standards for 1939.

Advance Notice! Now is the time for all auxiliaries to scan their budgets with a view to sending one or more delegates to the Summer conferences. June is not far off and it is wise to plan ahead. Pennsylvania is going over the top this year with a large delegation to the Junior Woman's Auxiliary Conference at Orkney Springs, Va. This advance notice is given so that the brigade may begin to form now.

The Junior Auxiliary of Calvary, Germantown, has organized a "supply closet" in the parish house for collecting second-hand clothing and household articles to be sent to the mission fields. The three boxes already sent included hymnals, Bibles, and medicinal samples. The recipients were Miss Jean Little, St. John the Baptist's Mission, Charlottesville, Va.; Miss Mary Beddinger, Holy Innocents' Mission, Free Union, Va., and Deaconess Hutton, Pine Grove Hollow, Stanley, Va.

JULIA E. HILL.

The regular meeting of the Mothers' Union will be held on Tuesday, February 21, at 2:45 P. M., in Church House. A special speaker will be obtained.

The League of Intercessors will meet in Room 1, Church House, Friday, February 10, at 10:30 A. M.

Bishop Roberts Describes the Work and the Needs of the Church Among the Sioux of South Dakota

"THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE LIFE"

"STRENGTH, force and power—these are the needs of the Church today."

The audience appeared a bit startled when Bishop W. Blair Roberts made that statement at the missionary meeting sponsored by the Woman's Auxiliary of the Convocation of Chester on January 16. The meeting was held in the parish house of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Rosemont.

"Not the kind of strength, force and power that is being exhibited in Europe and in Asia," said Bishop Roberts, easing the shock of his opening statement. "I mean the strength of a united Church, the force of an unshakable faith in God, and the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

Bishop Roberts, who directs the work of the Church in the Missionary District of South Dakota, told his audience, which included a light sprinkling of men, that he wanted to report on how their contributions to missions were being used, and to say, "Thank you."

"Without the Woman's Auxiliary and its United Thank Offering the Church would utterly collapse in the missionary field," he said, "for the Woman's Auxiliary is the backbone of the Church."

With characteristic quiet seriousness and a profound sincerity, Bishop Roberts described the manner in which missionary force in South Dakota has had to dig in in the face of a \$50,000 cut in its support in the last few years.

First outpost to be evacuated was Ashley House, a seminary for Indians; next was Hare Industrial School for Indian Boys, according to United States officials the finest institution of its kind in the whole Indian country; finally they had to close Crow Creek Dormitory for Orphan Children, a badly needed institution because of the ravages of tuberculosis among the Sioux in Dakota.

The seminary has been partially replaced by a correspondence school,

which gives the Indian students courses in the Prayer Book, the Bible, Church history and other subjects necessary to their theological training.

Hare School is greatly missed, because most leaders among the Indian boys of the district came from its alumni.

The orphaned children have had to go back to the miserable hovels of impoverished relatives, where, in the rigors of South Dakota Winters, they become defenseless victims of the white plague.

"No other people I have ever known," said Bishop Roberts, "adore the memory of the Saviour and worship the living Christ as reverently as do the Sioux. Sad, indeed, is the Sioux household which has lost its Niobrara Cross, which bears the inscription, 'Tipi Wakon (Holy House)', and three Greek words, meaning 'That they might have life.'"

"Some 11,000 of the Sioux nation, which has been entirely converted to Christianity, are baptized in the Episcopal Church. Evidence of their great devotion came a few years ago when for a time many of the white people wanted the Church to withdraw from the district.

"Led by their own priest, the Indians staged a great rally, increased their already generous gifts to the Church by fifty per cent, pledged to give even more, and adopted as a slogan the words, 'Move Forward.'"

"With that inspired example, how could we let them down? How can we deny them life?"

Arriving in Philadelphia on Saturday, January 14, Bishop Roberts preached at Holy Trinity Church the following morning. Among the first to greet him after the service was Judge Joseph Buffington, formerly of the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals, who was a classmate of Bishop Roberts' father at Trinity College sixty-eight years ago.

Judge Buffington told the writer: "The great work Bishop Roberts is doing among the Indians is the least known and the most far reaching

among what we may call the population in the United States. Philadelphia should be especially interested because it was Bishop Roberts from this city, who began the work in South Dakota in 1873, three years before the Sioux wiped out the band in a fair fight on the Little Horn.

"I regard Blair Roberts today as the great Apostle to the Indian," I predict that history will so recognize him. He is building the foundation of a strong Christian civilization among the red men, whose respect and admiration are his.

"Of his father, the late Rev. William Jackson Roberts, let me say this: Outside of my own father, he exerted a greater influence in my life than anyone else. A Welsh grant, ex-bootblack, newsboy, cooper, terer, paperhanger, he was twenty-six and I was sixteen when we came classmates at Trinity, where he paid his way by tutoring and exerted a powerful influence over all his low students. His sons are named after three of his college mates, or rather, I might say, after them for me."

In addressing the Clerical Brotherhood, Bishop Roberts made a strong plea for a return to the catholic concept of the Church, warning against losing sight of Christ's purpose, he said, as it becomes more and more congregational.

"The Kingdom of Christ on earth does not end at parish boundaries," he declared. "That is what I mean by the catholic concept of the Church, universality rather than localism."

Christianity today has become overgrown and choked with materialism that its force is deadened, its message obscured. It has lost much of its spirit. If humanity is to be saved through turning to the principles of Christianity, it must be a revitalized and purified Christianity. We must turn to the bedrock principles of Christianity from which, alas! present-day practice has departed far.

—Hon. Francis B. Sayre

CAMP TAITT LOOKS TO NEW SEASON

AN opportunity to learn about the work of Camp Taitt will be presented at Episcopal Academy on February 11 when the camp staff, campers and prospects will meet at dinner. Natural color motion pictures of the 1938 camp activities will be shown and plans for the 1939 camp will be discussed.

Camp Taitt, a beautifully wooded tract of 150 acres on Tohickon Creek, near Quakertown, 43 miles north of Philadelphia, was opened last Summer to meet the need for an inexpensive camp for boys.

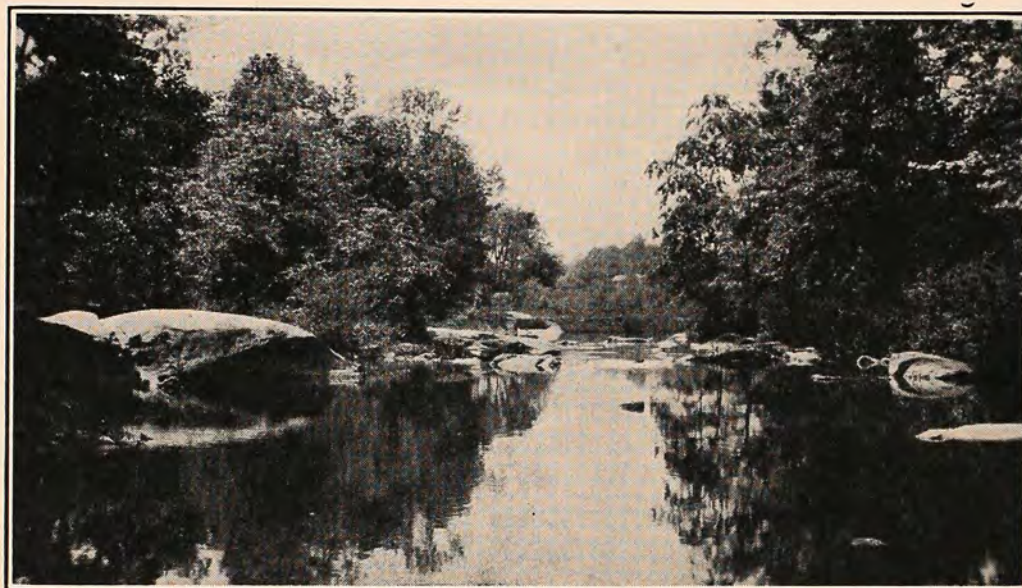
The first meeting to discuss plans for such a camp was held at Episcopal Academy on May 18, 1938, when a group of clergy and laymen gathered under the chairmanship of the Rev. Richard T. Lyford, of St. Asaph's, Bala. With the aid of the Rev. Dr. John C. H. Mockridge,

was excellent, and when camp closed on August 22, more than 100 boys had benefitted from the wholesome, happy outdoor life and Christian comradeship it offered.

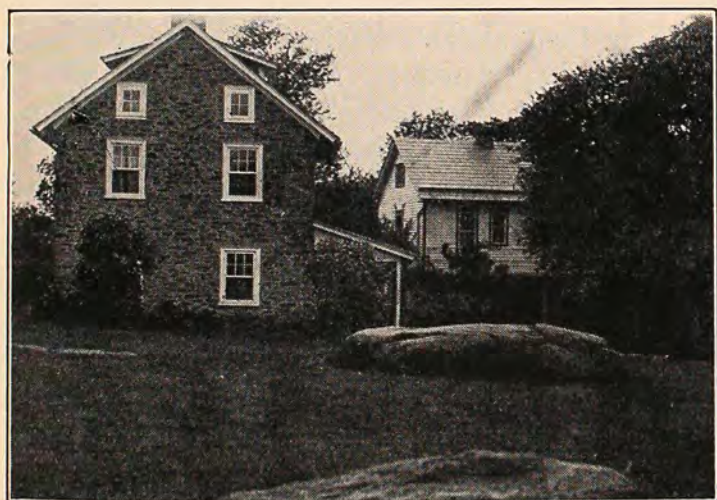
With Spring less than two months away, and Summer not far behind, the camp administration is looking forward to a bigger and better year in



Daily swims in the clear water of picturesque Tohickon Creek help to keep boys at Camp Taitt in good physical condition as well as to train them in self reliance and self confidence



Above: What could be more inviting to a boy than such a scene as this on Tohickon Creek, where ideal conditions for canoeing and other water sports prevail. **At left:** The infirmary and administration building at Camp Taitt



of St. James's, Philadelphia, and his vestrymen, Clear Spring Farm, a former choir camp, was leased for the Summer and named in honor of Bishop Taitt.

The first camping period of two weeks was opened on Monday, June 27, with Robert E. Lenhard, camp director, and an efficient staff on hand. In spite of the shortness of time between that first meeting and the camp opening date, the response

1939. With more time to spread the word, more boys may be reached and more will have the opportunity to plan at least two weeks at Camp Taitt. The age limits are 7 years and 17 years.

The camp has complete equipment, an infirmary and administrative building, caretaker's cottage, guest house, dining hall to seat 100, spring house with tested well water, a large, well-equipped barn, craft lodge and

recreation hall. There is an outdoor chapel.

The campers are divided into three age groups, each under competent direction. Health and safety regulations are strictly enforced under a resident medical officer.

Here is a typical letter from the mother of a camper:

"I wish to congratulate you on the wonderful way in which Camp Taitt was conducted.

"The food was delicious and nutritious. Your routine of activities, recreation and discipline was of the best.

"W—— returned home with a wonderful coat of tan, a gain of weight and a great desire to return next year.

"Many thanks to you and your counsellors."

A letter or post card to Robert E. Lenhard, 246 South 39th Street, or a telephone call to Baring 1567 will secure a reservation for the dinner on February 11.

DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Conducted by **ELIZABETH FRAZIER** Field Secretary

WE will not soon forget the inspiring Presentation Service which was held last Spring when the children of the diocese presented their Lenten Offering of \$42,165.41 for the missionary work of the Church. This offering was especially good when we consider that there was in the same year quite a drop in the offerings of the adults, due no doubt to the economic conditions. If we would maintain this same high standard of giving during this Lent, we must work even harder.

While the raising of this offering is a very important asset in the missionary work of the Church, the opportunity for missionary education which it provides is of even greater value. More than anything else, we need to understand the necessity for our missionary endeavor and a deeper knowledge of the fine work being done by our Church at home and abroad. Each new generation needs to have the feeling, the impulse and the sense of necessity brought home to it. In our Church Schools we begin to teach and to learn how to put into effect our Lord's command to take the Gospel into all the world. To raise money, and not to know the reason why, would be to miss the real impulse of all giving. We hope, therefore, that in all our Church Schools ample opportunity to study the missionary project will be given.

This Lent our attention is centered upon the work being done in the teeming Cities Around the World. Some Church Schools may choose to study and work for the City Work in their own country, or even to take just one type of City Work, like that being done by our own City Mission.

Great interest is created if the work being studied can be visualized, by creating large displays that develop or grow as the money is raised. One Church School some years ago had a large replica of a Mission in Alaska. The logs of the building were painted in as each class raised its quota. Some of the classes participated in making the steeple, some the stained-glass windows, etc. No one wanted to see their model church incomplete, and the full quota was therefore raised. The moral of this might be applied to our present fail-

ure to raise sufficient funds to keep our mission churches open.

Our Department of Religious Education in Room 30, Church House, is prepared to furnish suggestions of projects for amounts which any Church School feels it can raise. The Department is also ready to furnish lantern slides, suggest speakers and advise the type of study material that might be used.

There is always some discussion and much difference of opinion as to the propriety of certain methods of raising money for the Lenten Offering. The original idea back of all offerings during Lent is that of denial. Yet there are many children who have little money of their own. These children are interested enough to want to earn money for their Mite Boxes. We cannot see why such worthy efforts should not be encouraged, since it is a gift of service and work. It is often noted that in the final returns, those who have actually worked for their offerings, make a better showing.

In some Convocations the children from all parishes are being gathered together just before Lent, when their Mite Boxes will be dedicated and delivered to the representatives of each School. This will provide a splendid opportunity to inspire the children with the missionary ideal.

In due course you will receive notice of the great Presentation Service to be held, when we shall make the offering of the whole diocese for Lent. At that time we hope that every School will be prepared to offer its very best, and participate in the glorious service.

J. W. TWELVES.

DIOCESAN NORMAL

THE third semester of the Diocesan Normal School for the training of Church School teachers opened Tuesday, January 17, at 5:45 P. M., in Church House. The semester, like its two predecessors, includes five Tuesday evening sessions. It will end February 14.

Lecture-discussion courses include "Old Testament: History of the Hebrew People from the Exile to 135 A. D."; "The Church's Message and

the Modern World"; "Kindergarten and Primary Methods"; "Faith and Life: Basic Christian Truths and Their Relation to the Christian Life"; "History of the Church in America"; "Personal Religion"; "Enlarging Our Children's World" and "Understanding Our Adolescent Pupils." Two teachers' clinics covering Church School problems faced by inexperienced teachers in all departments from kindergarten to senior high school, the developing lesson plans and finding new methods, will be conducted at each session by Miss Elizabeth A. Jenks.

A series of five lectures for the assembly periods includes "The Lenten Offering," Mrs. C. Stanley Rogers, director of religious education, Trinity Church, Wilmington; "The Life of a Missionary," the Rev. Robert P. Frazier, vicar of St. Anne's, Willow Grove, and archdeacon-elect of the Missionary District of Wyoming; "Pageants for Holy Week and Easter," the Rev. B. Janney Rudderow, vicar of Holy Trinity Memorial Chapel, 22nd and Spruce Streets; "Easter Music," Harold W. Gilbert, organist and choirmaster, St. Peter's Church, and headmaster of St. Peter's Choir School; "The Teacher's Own Preparation for Lent," the Rev. Benjamin R. Priest, associate rector, St. James' Church, 22nd and Walnut Streets.

The faculty for this semester includes Rev. Dr. Walter C. Klein and Rev. Dr. William H. Dunphy, both of Philadelphia Divinity School; Rev. E. Felix Kloman, rector of Old Christ Church; Miss Rae Henzel, Holy Trinity Church; the Rev. John K. Shryock, rector of Grace Church and instructor at University of Pennsylvania; Sister Mary Kathleen, O.H.N.; Miss Elizabeth P. Frazier, field secretary, Department of Religious Education, and Miss Florence L. Newbold.

SCHOOL BY MAIL

The third Christmas for the members of the Church School by Mail was a very happy one. Our forty members in the far-away districts of the Diocese received Christmas boxes which made them dance for joy. Soft

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3 CONVOICATIONS MEET IN JANUARY

A SWEEPING survey, to determine how the Church can best serve the needs of West Philadelphia's vast Negro population East of 52d Street, was inaugurated at the mid-Winter meeting of the West Philadelphia Convocation at St. James', Hestonville, January 12.

That work among the Negroes is already making excellent progress in Elmwood and in the section Northwest of 52d and Market Streets was indicated in the reports of the Rev. Dr. Robert W. Bagnall, rector of St. Thomas', and the Rev. Arthur C. Moore, in charge of St. Cyprian's and St. Monica's Missions. Mr. Moore announced that the chapel in enlarged and refurnished St. Cyprian's Mission, 85th Street and Lindbergh Boulevard, would be dedicated March 1.

Before retiring to the parish hall for dinner, the delegates elected the Rev. John M. Weber, rector of St. James', to fill the vacancy on the Executive Council caused by the resignation of the Rev. Douglas W. Kennedy, formerly of St. Mary's, Hamilton Village, now on the staff of Christ Church Cathedral, Hartford, Conn.

At the devotional service later, the Rev. Louis W. Pitt, of St. Mary's, Ardmore, preached.

The Germantown Convocation met January 17 at the Church of Christ and St. Michael, Germantown, with the Rev. W. Hamilton Aulenbach in the role of host. Dean Eder presided.

The program began with devotions at 6 P. M., followed at 6:30 by dinner at which Bishop Taitt and Miss Anna S. Van Kirk, nurse in charge of St. Barnabas' Hospital, Osaka, Japan, were the main speakers.

The dinner was followed by separate meetings of the women and men of the convocation at 8 o'clock. At 8:45 both bodies united in a joint meeting.

The Rev. George A. Trowbridge, new rector of St. Paul's, Chestnut Hill, was presented to the Convocation for the first time.

Another recent addition to the clergy of the diocese, the Rev. Arthur Murray, rector of the Church of the Resurrection, made his bow at the meeting of the North Philadel-



Miss Anna S. Van Kirk (extreme right) is pictured with some of her nurses at St. Barnabas' Hospital, Osaka, Japan. They are (from left): Miss May Houle, Oxford, England; the Misses Takamatsu, Kimi Urushizawa, head nurse; Mori, Shimizu, Matsubara and Kitagawa.

phia Convocation at the Free Church of St. John, Kensington, on January 18.

After the business session, at which all officers of the Convocation were re-elected, the delegates repaired to the parish house for dinner.

On the heels of a plea by Bishop Taitt for contributions to the \$30,000 this diocese pledged toward the national Church's \$300,000 China Relief Fund, Miss Anna S. Van Kirk, superintendent of St. Barnabas' Hospital, Osaka, Japan, appealed to the American sense of fair play for an uncritical attitude toward Japan in its conquest of China.

"The Japanese," said Miss Van Kirk, who has spent more than seventeen years in the Empire of the Rising Sun, "have not been clever in stating their cause. And it ill behooves Christian nations of the Western world, with their history of bloody wars of aggression, to point the finger of shame at Japan.

"In spite of reports of Sino-Japanese hatred, hundreds of Chinese are still carrying on prosperous businesses in Japan, unmolested by the Japanese. I have attended many farewell banquets in Chinese restaurants for Japanese doctors and nurses called to service at the front.

"I am convinced that there is a great deal of misunderstanding concerning Japan. And I ask you to keep in mind that the first casualty in war is truth."

A native of Pennsylvania, Miss Kirk was on the staff of Polyclinic Hospital in Philadelphia when she was called to Japan in 1921. She described the growth of St. Barnabas' Hospital and its work among mothers and children. The institution, which has 160 beds, averages nearly 4000 in-patients a year, and its well baby and pre-natal clinics are visited by 24,000 patients annually.

Miss Van Kirk was followed by Bishop W. Blair Roberts.

CHRISTIANITY AND ANTI-SEMITISM

I HAVE been asked to speak to you on the subject of Christianity and Anti-Semitism. Let us first of all ask ourselves what are the reasons for anti-Semitic prejudices, not on the part of the Germans and their kindred, but on the part of Christians like ourselves, and then we will ask ourselves the practical question, what as Christians are we going to do about it.

I believe it to be a fact, however unpleasant a fact it may be, that the Jewish people as a race (and it is as a race, not as individuals, that I shall speak of them) have been, and probably are, the least popular people on earth. How shall we account for this fact?

First of all: the Jew, wherever he may live, is a foreigner, and a foreigner is at a certain disadvantage. Faults and rudenesses which would be passed by unnoticed among our own people stand out prominently when the guilty party is a foreigner. This applies to all foreigners of whatever nationality, but the Jew is at a special disadvantage in that he is a foreigner no matter in what country he may happen to be domiciled.

Again, we have to recognize the fact that the average Jew is a hard-working individual and intellectually as keen as the average citizen; and when we have hard plodding combined with cleverness, we have two factors which make for success; and success on the part of another, especially when that other happens to be a foreigner, often leads to envy and possibly to jealousy. This condition of affairs is all the more aggravating as the Jew is not naturally a pioneer. Others do the hard and exacting pioneer work and then the Jew comes to reap the benefits of the toils of others. The frequency with which the Jew forges ahead in business, and the frequency with which he carries off the prizes, awards and scholarships, which are open to public competition in our universities, witness to the Jew's plodding perseverance.

By E. FRANK SALMON

Church of the Holy Trinity

Consequently we find Jewish people rising to success and prominence in business careers, in civil office, and in the professions, in greater proportion than the mere percentage of population would warrant.

We must now answer the question: What, as Christians, is to be our attitude towards this anti-Semitic tendency? Obviously, the Jew does present a problem. It is not my purpose to speak of the political issues involved; that is both outside the sphere of my subject, and also beyond my ability. But it is fundamentally important that our mental attitude towards Semitics shall be thoroughly Christian.

To begin with we may note that what we have said of the Jew is not outrageously bad, and we must admit, that, while there are Jews (as there are non-Jews) who commit crimes, the Jewish race as a race are not unduly criminally inclined. Further, we must admit that there have been individual Jews to whom we owe much in our advancement of knowledge. I need only mention such a genius as Einstein, the greatest living mathematical scientist. Nor must it ever be forgotten that the One to whom mankind is indebted, more than to any other, for His religious, ethical and civilizing influence over the whole world, was Himself a Jew, born of a saintly Jewish maiden.

In the Gospels we find a striking analogy. The Jewish antipathy to the Samaritans was based on religious and racial differences, with a long history in which the Samaritan was frequently to blame. Such an antipathy is closely related, emotionally, to the antipathy of the non-Jew for the Jew today; and the teaching of our Lord is clearly expressed in the parable of the Good Samaritan, declaring that the individual must be

judged on his own merits, and must not be held individually responsible for the faults and failings of the class to which he belongs.

In conclusion, we fall back upon that fundamental principle of Christian behavior, a principle so glibly talked about, but so hard to put into practice—the principle of the Christian brotherhood of mankind. This brotherhood is something more than a mere hail-fellow-well-met attitude towards others, which may be as good as far as it goes, but is at best but superficial. It means something much more difficult. It means that I must recognize in my fellowman, for whom I may have some reasonable or unreasonable antipathy, one who is my brother, because he is, as I am, a son of God. We cannot go far wrong in our dealings with any other man, whoever he may be, if we remember that he is the object of God's love, even as we ourselves are the objects of His love.

NEW ASSISTANT JOINS HOLY TRINITY STAFF

The Rev. Peter Cornelius Van der Hiel, Jr., for the last three and a half years assistant to the Rev. Dr. John Gass at the Church of the Incarnation, New York City, took up his duties as assistant minister at Holy Trinity Church, 19th and Walnut Streets, on February 1. His appointment was recently announced by the rector, the Rev. Dr. E. Frank Salmon.

Mr. Van der Hiel, who was born in Surabaya, Java, Dutch East Indies, is 29. He was educated in Holland, and after taking special work at Columbia University, New York, he studied at General Theological Seminary and was graduated in 1937.

No man sees his shadow who faces the light.

THE GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY

India and Providence Share the Limelight on an Interesting
Schedule of Events Designed to Help Live Up to the Motto of
G. F. S. — "Bear Ye One Another's Burdens"

"SALAAM TO INDIA!"

So begins the fascinating Missions number of the *G. F. S. Record* for 1939. And "Salaam to India," says the G. F. S. in Pennsylvania as it plans its diocesan "Night in India," when all Branches will unite in a colorful, dramatic and unusual missionary project, in Holy Trinity Parish House, Tuesday, March 7, under the auspices of the Activities Department.

The program will begin with a supper, featuring an Indian menu, and continue through the evening with an exposition of the music, handcraft and work of the Christian missions in India today. It is hoped that Miss Alice Veeraswami, Dean of American Baptist Mission Girls' High School, of Nellore, India, will be present to speak. Miss Veeraswami is studying at Crozier Theological Seminary and University of Pennsylvania this winter. An interesting interview with her appears in the *G. F. S. Record* for January.

As always, a cordial invitation is extended to members of the church generally to share in this event.

The National Money Object, an annual offering for missions, in which the Friendly throughout the United States and the mission fields joins, will this year be made for two objects—a gift of \$1000 to support native Christian teachers in Bishop Azariah's Diocese of Dornakal, India, and a second \$1000 to be given through the International Student Service to help refugee students from the central European nations, both Jew and Christian, who are trying to complete their education in the United States. The national money gift has never before gone outside the strictly missionary work of the Church, but in view of the serious situation in which so many brilliant young people—Protestant, Catholic and Jew—find themselves today, this effort seems to be wholly in harmony with that underlying purpose of the G. F. S., as expressed in its motto:

"Bear Ye One Another's Burdens." Since this corporate giving is linked always with study, the two objectives for 1939 are filled with stimulating possibilities for the minds and hearts of American girls, as they consider and compare their own free and happy lot with those who must struggle and suffer for their very lives.

AT the beginning of a new year, when reports of previous work present varying pictures of success or failure, that of the G. F. S. Auxiliary to the Seamen's Church Institute is never disappointing. In fact, when a resumé of its quiet, continuous labors is made, as has been done recently, the results are amazing. Ever since the beginning of the institute in this city the society has been interested and has succeeded in interesting others. Today the records show gifts of more than \$10,000 in nine memorial rooms, fifty chapel chairs, and cash towards the mortgage reduction fund. Another \$2500, at the least, has been contributed by various Branches at Christmas time in knitted goods, groceries, books, etc.

Just now, the Institute's share in the work of the Co-operative Shop, 1735 Sansom Street, is concerning not only the G. F. S. Auxiliary, but all those interested in the work for seamen as well. One of eleven charities benefitting from the sales at the shop, the institute has received, over a period of twelve years, \$22,300—no small help during a time, half "depression."

Since the share of each beneficiary depends upon the value of goods donated to the shop, or sold through its commission department (especially things of value), the G. F. S. Auxiliary is asking all its members and friends to take a fresh interest in this project, to visit the shop and buy there, to send salable goods for its stock. A volume could be written about the people who are regular

patrons, not only those "down on their luck," and unable to buy new things, but collectors looking for antiques; owners of fine china searching for matching pieces to replace something broken; artists on the trail of rare or decorative articles which someone no longer needs. Just recently an artist from a distant part of Pennsylvania rejoiced to find an old Indian shawl, which was just the size, the coloring and the perfect fulfillment of his desire for a wall-hanging in his studio.

So, to the G. F. S. and its friends: Put the Co-operative Shop on your winter list in big letters, because behind it, for us who are keenly interested in the Seamen's Church Institute, looms not only financial help, but something more important—a day-by-day and night-by-night witnessing down at 211 Walnut Street, for Christ and His way of life as against all the subversive influences which assail the seamen, out of work, lonely, and discouraged.

One hundred new Branches of the G. F. S.—U. S. A. were organized in 1938. Total membership figures are not yet available, but it is definitely known that this growth is almost entirely among the candidates and teen-age groups.

"On to Providence!" It may be Winter in actual fact, but in imagination members are already on their way to the great triennial council meeting next June. The latest release from headquarters brings welcome news of three outstanding persons who will take part in the program: Bishop Oldham, of Albany, speaking on "Our Responsibility as World Christians"; Dr. William A. Eddy, president of Hobart and William Smith Colleges, whose topic will be "Democracy and Freedom"; and Bishop Bennett, of Rhode Island, who is to lead the daily morning meditations.

Many of the Complex Problems Confronting the Church,
the State and Society Will Be Illumined by These . . .

BOOKS FOR STUDY DURING LENT

FOR years it has been the custom of social service departments, both diocesan and national, to publish a list of books dealing with social and international problems, appropriate for Lenten reading. Our own department has had a hand in practically all of these undertakings and the Editor of THE CHURCH NEWS and the Diocesan Department of Christian Social Service have asked me to prepare a list for the coming Lent. My first recourse was logically to the National Department. Mrs. Margaret F. Ridge, efficient secretary of Father Pepper, in his absence sent me the following interesting list:

Church and Community, Kenneth S. Latourett and others.

Church, Community and State in Relation to Education, Fred Clarke and others.

The Incredible Church and Its Mission in the World of Today, J. W. Stevenson.

The Kingdom of God and History, H. G. Wood and others.

The Mystery of Sacrifice, Evelyn Underhill.

Seven Centuries of the Problem of Church and State, Frank Gavin.

The Oxford Conference (Official Report), J. H. Oldham.

Toward a World Christian Fellowship, Kenneth S. Latourette.

Dick Sheppard and St. Martin's, R. J. Northcott.

The Choice Before Us, Stanley E. Jones.

Religion and Public Affairs, F. H. Rall.

Neighborhood, My Story of Greenwich House, Mary K. Simkhovitch.

Of this list I want to stress particularly Mrs. Simkhovitch's most suggestive volume, *Neighborhood*, and the late Prof. Gavin's volume, *Seven Centuries of the Problem of Church and State*. Possibly because of my long-time association with them, I have a personal affection and appreciation for their contributions, but I feel sure that those who read these two contributions will do so with profit.

Mrs. Simkhovitch is a devoted churchwoman and her life at Greenwich House is an inspiration. Her

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book is an autobiography and has the personal charm that all sincere and frank autobiographies have. She has a New York contemporary, Lillian Wald, whose biography has been written by R. L. Duffus, of the *New York Times*. Miss Wald is described as "social worker, nurse, and publicist, founder of Henry Street Settlement and of the visiting nurse system which bears its name, and originator of the Federal Children's Bureau and of the municipal school nurse." A Jewess by birth, her life has been essentially one of service and can be pondered to advantage.

Mrs. Ridge added to her letter this postscript, which must not be overlooked: "P. S.—I would add *The Church in Urban America*, the Lenten study course."

In a way this may be regarded as the official Church Lenten course and it should unquestionably be considered as an essential part of one's Lenten reading. There are six titles:

I. *The City and Its People*, Niles Carpenter, Ph.D.

II. *Religious Needs of City People*, Elmore McNeil McKee.

III. *City Church Problems*, Harold Hold, S.T.D.

IV. *The Church and Its Community*, Joseph F. Fletcher, S.T.D.

V. *Some Developing Problems*, Almon R. Pepper.

VI. *The City's Challenge*, W. Appleton Lawrence, D.D.

These are pamphlets that can be had from 281 Fourth Avenue, New York, at 50 cents for the set.

There are many other pamphlets, such as those issued by the Congregationalist under the title *Social Action* (289 Fourth Avenue, New York).

Further material for study groups may be cited, for instance:

We Travel Though We Stay at Home, prepared by Ursula P. Hubbard for the Carnegie Endowment

for International Peace (405 West 117th Street, New York). Five subtitles are included in these programs on world inter-dependence: *The World on Wheels*; *The Ties That Bind*; *Foreign Trade and the Pantry Shelf*; *Foreign Footprints in the Home*; *Machine Age in America*. A simple and vivid account of our complicated problem of world trade. Extremely useful for study groups which are interested in the economic aspects of peace or who wish to have a background of understanding of the Hull trade program. Any club or school may receive one set of the outlines without charge and additional sets at the regular rate.

Then there is *Keep Out of the World*, by the Rt. Rev. G. Ashton Oldham, Bishop of Albany, in the International Peace Series. This is the stirring Armistice Day address of the president of the World Alliance delivered at the Goodwill Congress in San Francisco.

Also *International Problems Visualized*, published by National Forum, 829 East 56th Street, Chicago. This is a series of colored charts in loose-leaf form, with supplementary data, discussion questions and bibliographies, covering such topics as: how war money might be used for the enrichment of life; progress in communication in the modern world, etc.

This is not intended to be a complete list, merely a suggestive one. I could add ten, twenty or fifty dealing with international questions, but one could not see the forest for the trees. There is one I must mention, however, possibly because it has just come to my desk. It is Hendrik Willem van Loon's *Our Struggle*, a spirited reply to Hitler's *Mein Kampf*.

Christian service involves prayer in order to guide our duty. It may be easier to pray than to work and then to end in having our work satisfy us with something less than God. Work without prayer is presumption, and prayer without God is sacrilege.

—Bishop Woodcock.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP

How Today's Youth in the Diocese Is Building for Tomorrow's Churchmanship

ON Tuesday, February 21, the Diocesan Fellowship will make its second visit to the City Mission. At that time it will be told something of the work of the City Mission. An invitation to join the Fellowship on the visit is extended to any who are interested in this work.

The work of tying bundles of magazines, etc., still goes on as a Fellowship project at the Seamen's Church Institute.

The Rev. E. Felix Kroman, rector of Christ Church, was the speaker at the meeting of the Northwest Convocation at Calvary Church, Germantown, on January 15. A skating party was planned for February 2 to avoid taxing Fellowships or collecting dues for the purpose of balancing the convocation budget. The budget provides for setting apart appropriations for service projects.

The annual Diocesan Convention will be held early in May. At that time we hope to have with us the past presidents of the Diocesan Fellowship. Names of speakers and other details of the convention program will be announced in a later issue.

The Provincial Convention will be held May 12, 13 and 14 at Orkney Springs, Va. Plans already are under way for finding a theme and speakers, although nothing definite has been decided at this early date. National headquarters at 281 Fourth Avenue, New York City, is cooperating. It is hoped that the Fellowship of this diocese will be well represented.

Every time you have something to be thankful for, drop a coin in the box, and be sure to say the prayer that is on the box. If we all work hard and pull together this last month, we can make the boxes overflow with our offering. Due notice will be given before the boxes are collected. At the provincial meeting the collection will be turned over to the Provincial Thank Offering chair-

man, who will present them to the Presiding Bishop at the next General Convention in 1940.

The Northeast Convocation visited the Home for the Indigent at Christmas time. After a service of Morning Prayer, they gave the folks at the home a holiday treat. The visit will be repeated at Easter. The convocation also has instituted a Point System in the hope of making the Fellowships a stronger part of the Church.

As in the past, the Diocesan Fellowship will sponsor one of the Thursday evening Lenten services in Holy Trinity Church. At the invitation of the Commission on Evangelism, we will dedicate the posters for all of these services. The service the Fellowship is sponsoring is scheduled for March 23, when the Rev. Dr. John Gass, rector of the Church of the Incarnation, New York City, will preach.

All members of the Y. P. F. should make it a point to take part in the Quiet Day at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Chestnut Hill, on Saturday, March 4. Dashing through life at the rapid tempo of today, it is too easy for us to lose sight of the things of the spirit, which merge into the passing landscape like fence posts seen from a speeding train. A day's pause for contemplation, meditation and

quiet prayer is like a governor to bring us back to a safe and sane speed.

The Fellowship of the Church of the Atonement, Morton, is sponsoring a series of Game Nights that began January 9 in the parish house. Games consist of everything from ping pong to checkers. Scores are based on a point system. Prizes for those accumulating the greatest numbers of points will be awarded at the close of the Fellowship year in June.

The speaker at our devotional day will be the Rev. Frederick Biddle Halsey, rector of All Hallows, Wyncote.

The All Hallows Fellowship reports having made several contributions to nearby causes and churches from the proceeds of a successful cake sale.

We recently attended an evening service conducted by the Fellowship of the Church of the Saviour. George McCrearey delivered the address.

One of the Service Projects for January was visiting Episcopal Hospital. We also have been so fortunate as to have a speaker from the Crime Prevention Society to explain the work of that organization.

INDIAN MOVIES SPUR INTEREST IN MISSIONS

GREAT interest in the Indian work of the Church in New Mexico and Wyoming was aroused throughout the diocese last month by exhibition of two interesting films in natural color by John Ely Burleson, son of the late Bishop Hugh Latimer Burleson, for fifteen years head of the Missionary District of South Dakota.

As scenes depicting the bishops and their clergy at their daily tasks among the colorful Indians flashed upon the screen, Mr. Burleson, who is sponsored by the Society for Visual Religious Education, carried on a

running description against a background of religious music.

Churches where the films were shown were Epiphany, Germantown; St. Mary's, Ardmore; All Saints, Torresdale; Redeemer, Bryn Mawr; St. Luke's, Germantown; St. Asaph's, Bala; St. Thomas', Whitmarsh; Holy Trinity, Philadelphia; Old Christ Church; Christ, Media.

Mr. Burleson also gave showings at Episcopal Academy and before the Clerical Brotherhood in Church House.

The beautiful thing about a man is not that he won, but that he played fair.
—Bishop Lloyd.

DIVINITY SCHOOL SEEKS \$40,000 IN MAINTENANCE FUND CAMPAIGN

“WITHOUT a seminary there can be no ministers; without ministers there can be no church; without a church there can be no religion, and without religion there can be no democracy.”

In that pungent phraseology the Very Rev. Allen Evans, Dean of the Philadelphia Divinity School, justified the existence of the school, which is conducting its annual canvass for a maintenance fund of \$40,000.

His remarks were addressed to some sixty of the 100 members of the canvassing committee, who gathered at The Wellington for their second report luncheon on Monday, January 16.

“Eighteen months ago we had no students, no faculty and no money,” said Dean Evans. “Today we have a faculty that is second to none, an excellent student body, and a program that is being watched with the keenest interest by seminaries all over the world. Specifically, I refer to the clinical training in which Pennsylvania Hospital and the State Hospital at Norristown are co-operating so splendidly.

“Not the least important part of our program is the Graduate School.

“This fulfills a vital need of the clergy, who should keep up with the latest discoveries and freshen and revitalize those springs which can so quickly be pumped dry.

“The medical profession has long recognized the need for such ‘refilling stations,’ which receive adequate support from all denominations.”

The school’s nearly 500 alumni are scattered all over the world. From China came the report that one alumnus, the Rev. Quentin Huang, of Nanchang, has been commissioned to organize a Christian chaplain corps for the Chinese army at the recommendation of Mme. Chiang Kai-shek, wife of the Christian Generalissimo who is directing China’s defense against the invading Japanese.

More men have gone to the Church’s missionary field from the Philadelphia Divinity School than from any other seminary in the country, Dean Evans pointed out, declaring that on that ground alone, if on no other, the school deserved the support of every sincere churchman.

“Since 1929, through all the de-

pressions and recessions, more than a billion dollars have been given to philanthropies, but not a dollar of that staggering sum has gone to the support of seminaries,” said Dean Evans. “The Church has received some of it, but the rest has gone to secular education and various charities.”

Others who spoke at the luncheon were the Rev. Dr. John K. Shryock, rector of Grace Church, and Spencer Ervin, vice president of the Executive Council of the diocese and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Divinity School.

COMMUNION FOR MEN OF DIOCESE FEB. 22

The annual Diocesan Men’s Corporate Communion, sponsored by the Brotherhood of St. Andrew and the Church Club, and always held on Washington’s Birthday, February 22, this year falls on Ash Wednesday.

Holy Communion will be celebrated by Bishop Taitt in Holy Trinity Church at 8 A. M. and will be followed by breakfast at the Penn Athletic Club. The speaker will be the Rev. Dr. Joseph Fort Newton, rector of St. Luke and the Epiphany.

Reservations for breakfast should be sent to Percival H. Granger, 123 South Broad Street (Pennypacker 1816). The charge for breakfast will be 75 cents.

DR. WILLSON ACCEPTS MASSACHUSETTS CALL

The Rev. Dr. Hugh L. Willson, priest, scholar and teacher, left the diocese January 22 to accept a call to St. Andrew’s Church, Ayer, Mass., and St. Andrew’s Mission, Forge Village. For the last four and a half years he has been vicar of St. Andrew’s Chapel, West Manayunk, and curate at St. Asaph’s, Bala, and for a time was curate of St. Philip’s, 42nd Street and Baltimore Avenue.

Dr. Willson was born in Germantown, but attended high school in Haddonfield, N. J. He was graduated from Haverford College in 1925 and received his master of arts de-

CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB ACTIVITIES

While there is no thought of rivalry between the various branches of the Church Periodical Club, it is interesting to note that different ones lead in varying lines of activity. The parish units differ in so many ways that there is no basis on which they can be compared. Some are large, some are small; this one shows more interest, that one shows less. But, taken by and large, the diocesan report is encouragingly better for 1938 than for 1937.

There has been a considerable increase in the number of magazines going regularly, with Holy Nativity, Rockledge, in the lead, closely followed by All Saints, Philadelphia.

In the quantity classification the Church of the Redeemer, Bryn Mawr, with a total of 17,600, gaily shows its heels to Holy Trinity, Philadelphia, with its 10,575, and St. Mary’s, Wayne, with 8,750.

St. John’s, Lansdowne, tops the field with 10,820 new and reconditioned Christmas and Easter cards, while St. Paul’s Memorial, Overbrook, takes second place with 8,371.

“Mother” Moore, recent winner of the Gimbel Award for her outstanding work among the soldiers, sailors and marines in the Philadelphia area, shared speaking honors with the Rt. Rev. W. Blair Roberts, Bishop of the Missionary District of South Dakota, at the annual meeting and luncheon on Friday, January 27. Mrs. Moore spoke at the meeting in Church

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gree at the University of Pennsylvania in 1929. In 1928 he received his baccalaureate degree in sacred theology at Philadelphia Divinity School, where he also earned his master’s degree the following year and in 1936 received the degree of doctor of theology.

From 1928 to 1931 he held a fellowship in ecclesiastical history at the Philadelphia Divinity School and was an instructor in Greek there from 1931 to 1937.

His many friends in this diocese follow him with their prayers for his success in his ministry in Massachusetts.

VESTRY AIDES JOIN LENTEN PREACHERS

An unusually fine group of men is scheduled to preach at noon-day Lenten services in Christ Church, 2nd Street above Market, this year, beginning Ash Wednesday. A unique feature of this year's services will be the Saturday addresses by members of the Vestry Assistants of Christ Church, all young business men and devoted churchmen.

The services will begin at 12:30 P. M. and end at 12:55 P. M. The schedule follows:

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22—Rev. Louis W. Pitt, Rector of St. Mary's Church, Ardmore.

Feb. 23-24—Rt. Rev. Theodore R. Ludlow, D.D., Suffragan Bishop of Newark.

Feb. 25—John L. Whitney, Business Man, Vestry Assistant, Christ Church.

Feb. 27-Mar. 3—Rev. Cornelius P. Trowbridge, Canon, St. Paul's Cathedral, Boston.

Mar. 4—Sydney L. W. Lea, Business Man, Vestry Assistant, Christ Church.

Mar. 6, 7, 8—Rev. James A. Mitchell, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Englewood.

Mar. 9-10—Rt. Rev. Frank W. Sterrett, D.D., Bishop of Bethlehem.

Mar. 11—Francis L. Van Dusen, Lawyer, Vestry Assistant, Christ Church.

Mar. 13-14—Rev. W. Brooke Stabler, Chaplain of University of Pennsylvania.

Mar. 15-17—Rev. Henry F. Kloman, Chaplain of St. Mary's Junior College, Raleigh, N. C.

Mar. 18—William White, Jr., Lawyer, Vestry Assistant, Christ Church.

Mar. 20-24—Rev. John Gass, D.D., Rector of the Church of the Incarnation, New York.

Mar. 25—Arthur V. Meigs, Lawyer, Vestry Assistant, Christ Church.

Mar. 27-31—Rev. Charles W. Sheerin, D.D., Vice-President of the National Council, New York.

April 1—Robert L. Trescher, Lawyer, Vestry Assistant, Christ Church.

HOLY WEEK

Apr. 3-6—Rev. Gardiner M. Day, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Wilkes-Barre.

Good Friday, Three Hour Service—The Rector.

Easter Day—8 and 10 A. M., Holy Communion; 11, Confirmation, Holy Communion; Sermon, Rt. Rev. Francis M. Taitt, S.T.D., Bishop of the Diocese.

Let me strive more to comfort others than to be comforted, to understand others than to be understood.

—St. Francis.



REV. LOUIS W. PITT

Rector of St. Mary's, Ardmore, is scheduled as a Lenten preacher at both St. Stephen's and Old Christ Church

BROTHERHOOD LISTS ITS LENTEN SPEAKERS

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew is sponsoring a series of daily Lenten services in the Locust Theatre, Locust Street west of Broad, again this year, with the following schedule of preachers:

Ash Wednesday, February 22—Rt. Rev. Francis M. Taitt, S.T.D., Bishop of Pennsylvania.

Thursday, February 23—Rev. D. Wilmot Gateson, D.D., Rector, Church of the Saviour.

Friday, February 24—Rev. Joseph Fort Newton, D.D., Rector, Church of St. Luke and Epiphany.

Saturday, February 25—Rev. William N. Parker, Rector, Epiphany Church, Sherwood.

Mon. to Fri., Feb. 27 to March 3—Very Rev. N. R. High Moor, D.D., Dean of Trinity Cathedral, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Saturday, March 4—Rev. E. Felix Kloman, Rector, Christ Church.

Mon. to Fri., March 6 to March 10—Very Rev. Kirk B. O'Ferrall, D.D., Dean, St. Paul's Cathedral, Detroit.

Saturday, March 11—Rev. C. Herbert Reese, Rector, St. Matthew's Church.

Mon. to Fri., March 13 to March 17—Rt. Rev. Granville G. Bennett, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop of Rhode Island.

Saturday, March 18—Rev. Charles H. Urban, Rector, St. Barnabas' Church, Haddington.

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LENTEN SCHEDULE AT ST. STEPHEN'S

A distinguished group of preachers has accepted invitations to participate this year in the daily noon-day Lenten services that have become traditional at St. Stephen's Church, 10th Street above Chestnut. Services open at 12:30 and close at 12:55 P. M.

The schedule follows:

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Friday, Feb. 24—Rt. Rev. Francis M. Taitt, S.T.D., Bishop of Pennsylvania.

Saturday, Feb. 25—Rev. Herbert W. Jones, St. Stephen's Church.

Feb. 27-Mar. 1—Rev. Churchill J. Gibson, D.D., Richmond, Va.

Mar. 2-3—Rev. Gardiner M. Day, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Saturday, Mar. 4—Rev. Louis W. Pitt, St. Mary's, Ardmore.

Mar. 6-10, incl.—Rev. Phillips E. Osgood, D.D., Boston, Mass.

Saturday, Mar. 11—Rev. Charles E. Tuke, D.D., St. John's Church, Lansdowne.

Mar. 13-17—Rev. Daniel A. McGregor, Ph.D., New York City.

Saturday, Mar. 18—Rev. T. Leslie Gossling, Church of The Advocate.

Mar. 20-24—Rt. Rev. H. P. Almon Abbott, D.D., Bishop of Lexington, Kentucky.

Saturday, Mar. 25—To be filled.

Mar. 27-31—Rev. John R. Hart, Ph.D., Washington Memorial Chapel, Valley Forge.

Saturday, April 1—Rev. John C. Roak, Old Swedes Church.

April 3-6—Rev. William A. Roberts, My Lady's Manor, Md.

Friday, April 7—Rev. Vincent C. Franks, D.D., St. Stephen's Church.

Saturday, April 8—Rev. Herbert W. Jones, St. Stephen's Church.

P. D. S. GRADS MEET

The mid-Winter meeting of the Associate Alumni of the Philadelphia Divinity School was held on January 24 in Holy Trinity Church and parish house.

The meeting opened with the alumni service in the church at noon. The speaker was the Rev. Henry Stuart Paynter, of the class of 1909, who is rector of Trinity Church, Coatesville.

At the luncheon in Holy Trinity Parish House following the service, the speaker was the Rev. Theodore P. Ferris, rector of Emmanuel Church, Baltimore.

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ogy, all presented from a point of view calculated to interest the laity. The seminary was under the auspices of the Yarnall Library of Theology Lecture Foundation and the Laymen's Union for the Maintenance and Defense of Catholic Principles.

Members of the Church School of St. Alban's, Roxborough, and their friends sent 600 gifts to children in the Indian missions in Minnesota under the Venerable Wellington K. Boyle, archdeacon of Indian work in the Diocese of Duluth, and to children of the Sunday Schools of Galilee Mission, 821-23 Vine Street.

A colorful and profitable bazaar was held at The Barclay by the ladies of Holy Trinity Church on Thursday, February 2, from 10 A. M. to 7 P. M. The program included a fashion show, with gowns and gadgets furnished by Bonwit-Teller; luncheon, an afternoon of music, tea from 4 to 6 o'clock, a reader of palms, and a merchandise mart where a wide variety of useful and fancy articles for both exterior and interior consumption were sold.

January 4, the twenty-second anniversary of the Woman's Guild of the Church of the Incarnation, Drexel Hill, was marked by a visit from Mrs. Edward Ingersoll, diocesan president of the Woman's Auxiliary. To the Rev. William P. C. Loane fell the job of blowing out the twenty-two candles that topped the birthday cake.

Father Joseph, of the Order of St. Francis, will conduct a men's mission in St. Timothy's, Roxborough, at 8 o'clock in the evening, Monday, February 27. This is one of a series of events in the year's program of the Catholic Laymen's Union.

The Men's Club of Holy Comforter, Aronimink, threw a "Professor Quiz" party at its annual supper and ladies' night in the church rooms the evening of Monday, January 23.

St. Clement's Church benefits to the extent of \$1000 and a collection of religious books by the will of

Lilian D. Prichett, who died January 8 at 208 St. Mark's Square. The will also left \$100 to the National Chapter of the Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament, \$150 to the Altar Guild of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, and \$500 to St. Mary's, Hamilton Village.

The will of Lucretia Christophers Lennig, 1606 Spruce Street, a Mayflower descendant, gives \$1000 to St. Mark's Church, 16th and Locust Streets.

"The Little Plays of St. Francis," Laurence Housman's dramatic cycle based on the life and legend of St. Francis of Assisi, will be presented by the Players' Guild in the parish house of St. Luke's, Germantown, Wednesday and Thursday evenings, February 15 and 16. With one exception the cast is entirely male. The Players' Guild is well known for the excellence of its productions. There will be no admission charge, but a silver offering will be taken.

New Jersey Sunday was observed at Washington Memorial Chapel, Valley Forge, on January 15. Judge James R. Erwin, president of Hudson County Court of Common Pleas, officially represented Governor Moore at the services, which were under the auspices of the New Jersey State Society, Daughters of the American Revolution.

Bishop David H. Sims, of the A. M. E. Church, a member of the Republican National Committee, was the preacher on Sunday, January 15, at St. Luke and the Epiphany. His subject was "The Function of Privilege."

The Bishop Whitaker Memorial Church of St. Barnabas, Overbrook, held a candle light service and men of the parish presented a pageant, "Feast of the Lights," on January 29, Fourth Sunday after Epiphany. The Rev. Charles H. Urban is rector.

The congregation of St. Faith's, Brookline, had an opportunity to hear about the work of the Church among the Sioux Indians in South Dakota on Sunday evening, January 22, when

Bishop W. Blair Roberts, head of the great missionary work in that field, preached there.

"War and Peace" was the subject discussed by the Rev. Dr. D. Wilmot Gateson, of the Church of the Saviour, the all-day meeting for women on Monday, January 9, at St. John's, Lansdowne. Members of the Indians' Hope Committee, headed by Mrs. Wilfred J. Sicard, performed the duties of hostesses.

Election of officers for the coming year took place at the regular monthly meeting of St. Mark's League on Friday, January 13, in the League Room at St. Mark's, Frankford.

The annual parish dinner of St. Mark's, Frankford, was well attended, with nearly every family in the parish represented by at least one person. The Woman's Guild and the Auxiliary co-operated in helping to make this important congregational event a success.

The monthly Parish Sing and Get-together in Christ Church Neighborhood House on January 12 had as an added attraction John Ely Burleson's natural-color films showing the work of the Church among the Arapahoe Indians of Wyoming. Bishop Ziegler, of Wyoming, who recently visited this diocese, appears prominently in the film.

Miss Marion Neville, who had been directing the choirs at Calvary Church, Conshohocken, since the resignation of Mr. Nickklovs last September, was formally elected organist and choir director by the vestry the first week in January. The parish gave a dinner for the choir on January 12 in the parish house.

Seventy-seven members of the Girls' Friendly Society of St. Luke's, Germantown, attended the Branch's annual dinner on Twelfth Night. Following the dinner seven new members were admitted at the service in the church at which Father Conkling spoke. After the service refreshments were served and a play was presented in the parish house.

Six handsome lanterns of wrought iron have recently been completed

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IN MEMORIAM



REV. SAMUEL DAVID McCONNELL, D.D.

The Rev. Samuel David McConnell, D.D., LL.D., died January 11 at his home in Easton, Md. He was 93. He was the uncle of Rev. David A. Steele, D.D., former rector of the Church of St. Luke and the Epiphany.

Dr. McConnell was perhaps the oldest clergyman of the Episcopal Church in America.

Since his resignation as Rector Emeritus of All Souls, in New York City, he had lived in retirement on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, though he continued until within a few years of his death his active interest in church life and humanitarian affairs.

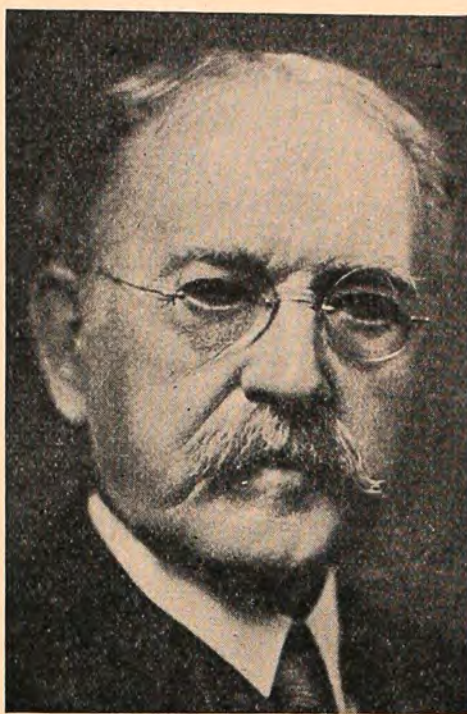
In 1935 he retired as president of the Emergency Hospital, Easton, Md. From 1926 until 1930 he traveled on preaching assignments as far as Nice, France, and Orlando, Fla.

He was born in Westmoreland County, Pa., August 1, 1845. As a boy he saw service for a short time with the Union Army. In 1868 he was graduated from Washington and Jefferson College, of which he was the oldest alumnus. Graduating later from Princeton Theological Seminary he took a brief course at Nashota House and was ordained deacon in 1872 and priest in 1873.

In 1873 he married Miss Annie Bliss of Erie, Pa., where he served as rector. He served churches successively in Watertown and Middletown, Conn., until 1882 when he was called to influential St. Stephen's Church in Philadelphia. During his fourteen years as rector of St. Stephen's he became famous as preacher, author, pamphleteer and church administrator, work which he continued for almost half a century.

During his rectorship in Philadelphia he received degrees of doctor of divinity from the University of Pennsylvania, doctor of canon law from Hobart College, and doctor of laws from Washington and Jefferson. He was a member of the Union League, president of the Contemporary Club, one of the earliest members of the University Club and one of the organizers of the Scotch-Irish Society.

A few of his early books were *Sermon. Stuff* (1st and 2nd series),



REV. SAMUEL DAVID McCONNELL, D.D.

1868, 1895; *A Year's Sermons*, 1896; *The Open Secret*, 1900; *The Evolution of Immortality*, 1901; *Christ; Christianity; Immortality*, etc.; but his principal literary contribution was *History of the American Episcopal Church*, 1890, still a standard textbook in all Episcopal theological schools.

When nearly 90 years old he published *Recollections of an Old Priest*, summing up the changes he had observed and the progress he approved in theological thought and ecclesiastical practice over three-quarters of a century.

In 1896 he was called to the rectorship of Holy Trinity Church, Brooklyn, whence he moved on to the rectorship of All Souls' Church, New York.

He had long held and expressed the conviction that there should be a retirement age for all men in all professions and his opinion was that this age ought to be not over sixty. A nephew and protege of Dr. McConnell, the Rev. Dr. David M. Steele, in 1934 followed his uncle's precept and example by resigning on his sixtieth birthday his central city parish of St. Luke and the Epiphany, Philadelphia, and made his home in Newtown Square.

He was a Fellow of the Royal Victoria Institute of Great Britain;

member of the Sons of the Revolution; the Century Club of New York; Chesapeake Bay Yacht Club; University Club, Philadelphia.

Mrs. McConnell died many years ago as did two sons, Ellicott, naval lieutenant in the Spanish-American War, and Guthrie, St. Louis physician.

DR. JUSTUS SINEXON

The following resolution was adopted on January 1 at a special meeting of the vestry of St. Mary's, Hamilton Village:

"It is with deep sorrow that we record the passing of Justus Sinexon, vestryman, on Tuesday, December 27th.

"From his childhood, when his was the privilege of lighting the first candle on St. Clement's altar, to his dying day, his love and loyalty to Christ and His Church were the dominating motives of his life.

"And his was a love that must always be expressed in service. He served the community long and honourably as a physician; he gave encouragement, help and warm friendship to the almost countless souls that came in contact with him; to his Church he ceaselessly gave service humble or honourable in parish house, chancel or vestry. Quietly forceful, shrewd, witty, humorous, warm and kindly, his presence was always felt and welcomed; we shall not see his like again. But our own personal loss is swallowed up in his victory: for one cannot think of him without picturing the joyous surprise in his face as he hears that beloved voice saying 'Well done, good and faithful servant.'

"May he rest in peace."

HAROLD DONALDSON EBERLEIN,
Secretary.

Dr. Justus Sinexon, a nose and throat specialist, was a practicing physician in Philadelphia for 54 years. He died on December 27 after a short illness at the age of 77.

A graduate of Jefferson Medical College, he served on the Coroner's staff for a time and was active in the nose and throat clinics of Jefferson and Presbyterian Hospitals.

He is survived by his wife, Katherine; two sons, Justus and H. Bunn; and two daughters, Mrs. James Strong, of Drexel Hill, and Mrs. Joseph H. Morris, of Bryn Mawr.

Funeral services were held at St. Mary's Church on December 29.



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Houston, who also was largely responsible for the founding of St. Peter's, Germantown, were dedicated on February 2, 1889, the Feast of the Purification.

Only three rectors have served St. Martin's since it began to function in the brush-grown fields along St. Martin's Lane a half century ago. The first, the Rev. Jacob LeRoy, served thirty years. The Rev. Wood Stewart succeeded him in 1919 and remained until 1932, when he in turn was succeeded by the Rev. Dr. Leicester C. Lewis, the present rector.

Special services completing the octave of commemoration will be held on Sunday, February 5.

The Church of St. Simeon began a week of celebration of its fifty-second anniversary on Sunday, January 29, when the rector, the Rev. Charles B. DuBell, reviewed the history of the parish. The Rev. Dr. Charles E. Tuke, rector of St. John's, Lansdowne, spoke at the evening service, which was followed by a social hour in the parish house.

Nearly every day throughout the ensuing week there was an open house, sponsored by one of the parish organizations, in the parish house. Sunday, February 5, was marked by an "Old Timers' Day in the Church School" and by the visitation of the Rt. Rev. Charles Fiske, retired Bishop of Central New York, who preached and administered the rite of confirmation in the evening.

Calvary Church, Conshohocken, commemorated its eightieth anniversary as a parish and the fiftieth anniversary of its church building in quiet fashion at the annual parish meeting on St. Paul's Day, January 25. The guest speaker was the Rev. Frederick Biddle Halsey, rector of All Hallows, Wyncote.

The Rev. Stanley R. West, rector of Calvary, reviewed the history of the parish from its organization in July, 1858, and its union with the Convention in 1859, and cited the generosity of Charles Lukens, Allen Wood and Charles Heber Clark, members of the building committee,

whose gifts and unselfish labor made the present church possible. Charles Lukens was rector's warden in that early day, and his son, Dr. George T. Lukens, is the present rector's warden.

The church building was dedicated in June, 1889, by the late Bishop Whitaker.

Galilee Mission held a three-day celebration of its forty-second anniversary in the mission building, 821-23 Vine Street, beginning Saturday night, January 28, and ending Monday night, January 30, when Bishop Taitt officiated.

In his annual report for the year 1938, George W. Wilkins, executive director, pointed out that the mission had provided 99,633 meals and 58,486 lodgings, distributed 1900 garments and obtained jobs for 812 persons. The chapel attendance for the year was 33,138, the Sunday School attendance was 16,800. Confessed conversions totaled 3285.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S GETS A NEW VICAR

Another homecoming took place on February 1 when the Rev. John Samuel Gillespie, for the last several years rector of Calvary Church, Sandusky, O., returned to this diocese to assume the vicarship of St. Bartholomew's Mission, 25th Street and Lehigh Avenue. His appointment by Bishop Taitt relieved the Rev. Albert W. Eastburn, rector of St. Barnabas', Kensington, who has been serving the mission since the death of its previous vicar, the Rev. Arthur C. Carty, in November, 1937.

Mr. Gillespie left the diocese in 1919, after completing his studies at the Philadelphia Divinity School, to become a missionary in Wyoming, where he was ordained by the late Bishop Thomas and worked for four years. Swinging eastward, he was rector of St. Thomas', Falls City, Neb., from 1923 to 1926, when he turned to the East again, this time becoming priest-in-charge of St. Clement's, Greenville, and St. Edmund's, Mercer, in the Diocese of Erie. In 1927 he went to Cleveland, where he served at St. Mary's until he was called to Sandusky.

Philadelphia is Mr. Gillespie's birthplace and the scene of his early education and his training for the ministry.

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clergy had volunteered as missionaries.

Dr. Shryock explained the method of preparation recommended by the joint commission to insure the success of the mission, which, he emphasized, must be kept strictly a spiritual movement.

There will be three more meetings in preparation for the mission before Lent begins. The first will be Monday, February 6, at the regular weekly gathering of the Clerical Brotherhood in Church House. The clergy will convene at 11 o'clock instead of the usual 11:30 in order that two speakers may be heard. Dean Eder, of the Germantown Convocation, will speak on the general preparation of the parish and the Rev. Dr. James S. Niblo, of St. John's, Norristown, will speak on cottage meetings.

At the second meeting, at 11 o'clock, Monday, February 13, in Church House, the Rev. Dr. E. Frank Salmon, rector of Holy Trinity, will speak on preparation of the missionary. A second speaker, not signed up as we go to press, will discuss subject matter for instructions and sermons to be used in the missions.

The third meeting will be Bishop Taitt's annual pre-Lenten day for the clergy, which takes the form of a luncheon-conference in Church House Monday, February 20. At that time Dean Wilcox plans to give the clergy final instructions and the inspiration to carry through this great project.

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and hung in the nave of St. Ambrose's Mission, Kensington. They were made possible by the industry of two members of the parish who tired of an ugly and inefficient lighting system and determined to do something about it. The lanterns were designed and executed by Keyser Brothers, of Germantown, collaborating with William Heyl Thompson, architect, of the firm of Frank R. Watson and Thompson.

A class of thirty-two, the largest in the history of parish, was pre-

sented by the rector, the Rev. Samuel D. Ringrose, to Bishop Taitt for confirmation on Sunday, January 15, at Resurrection, Mayfair. Four new communicants were received into the church at the same time. Bishop Taitt also dedicated the cathedral chimes recently installed in the organ as a gift from the Men's Club, which a year ago presented the organ. The congregation at this service was so large that it overflowed into the parish house and nearby rooms. On January 19 a reception was held in the parish house for the confirmation class. Father Ringrose reports that he is more encouraged than in any year since 1930, when he became rector. Each year the mortgage on the rectory has been reduced and the missionary expectation has been increased.

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The last 35 years have witnessed the appearance of many new hymnals in England and America. Some of them are good examples of what a hymnal should not be, but some of them are excellent. The Joint Commission on Revision of the Hymnal, appointed at the last General Convention, finds itself in a position at once both more advantageous and less so than the Commission of 20 years ago. Its position is more advantageous because the many recent attempts at hymnal compilation afford a better perspective; it is less advantageous because so much new material has become available and so many new theories press for recognition.

The Commission realizes the importance of its task. It is composed of men who represent every shade of churchmanship. Its membership includes practical people from every section of the country. Scholarship and good sense are combined in its personnel. A great Hymnal will doubtless be the fruit of the present effort.

GREAT VALLEY CHURCH GETS NEW MINISTER

Too late to mention in the January issue of THE CHURCH NEWS there arrived at the editorial offices a copy of the Christmas number of *St. Peter's Parish Visitor*, published by St. Peter's, Great Valley.

Two items selected for their possible interest to members of other parishes in the diocese follow:

The Rev. Warren Randolph Yeakel, priest in charge of St.

Peter's for the last year, has resigned. He took over the work at Great Valley after the death of the Rev. Jules L. Prevost in September, 1937. He wrote a history of the parish and many excellent poems, including a hymn dedicated to St. Peter's, Great Valley.

The Rev. Thomas A. Meryweather, of Swarthmore, director of the Philadelphia Crime Prevention Association, was elected minister in charge to succeed Mr. Yeakel. He took up his work there November 1.

The band conductor glared at the cornetist.

"Why on earth," he yelled, "did you leave off playing just as we got to the chorus?"

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toys and dolls for the babies, beautifully dressed dolls for the girls in the Primary Department, mechanical toys for the Primary boys, games and airplanes for the Junior boys, baseballs for the Senior boys, and subscriptions to the Episcopal "Girls' Companion" were among the gifts. Christmas cards were sent to all members and parents, and a beautiful creche was given to each child by the Sisters of the Holy Nativity.

Letters and cards of thanks have been pouring in from the grateful recipients; many tell us that but for this great cheer their Christmas would have been quite desolate. As most of our families are of the exceptionally needy kind, we know how joyfully these boxes must have been received.

All this happiness was made possible by the women of the Junior Auxiliaries throughout the diocese, by the League of Intercessors, and

by the Juniors of the Church School of the Redeemer, Andalusia.

How hard all these jolly good Santa Clauses worked as they gathered these gifts together, and how generous all these missionary-minded contributors were! Not only were the families in our Church School by Mail made happy, but the Christmas of each one of these self-giving people must have been a blessed one. And the hearty and grateful wish of the Church School by Mail is that the New Year for each of these faithful friends may overflow with God's blessings.

We are hoping our readers will find us some more children who live too far to attend regular Church Schools, who are shut-ins anywhere on account of physical handicaps, or who for any other reason are deprived of weekly Church School instruction. Church Schools, or classes, are paying the tuition of some chil-

dren in the Church School by Mail, which is \$3 each.

MOVIES

The Department was able to arrange for seventeen showings of the films of the Society for Visual Religious Education in January. The two films showed and described to these groups in the diocese were about the Church's work in New Mexico and Wyoming. They proved to be very popular and we are looking forward to another visit from Mr. Burleson next year, with new films.

ADVENT OFFERING

The Advent Offering for 1938 reached a total of \$1056.75, exceeding by \$675.92 the offering received in 1937. With this impressive sum in hand, it looks as though St. Christopher's can get under way with its plan to erect a new parish hall.

"Die when I may, I want it said of me by those who know me best, that I always plucked a thistle and planted a flower, where I thought a flower would grow."
—Abraham Lincoln.

SCHEDULE OF CONFIRMATIONS

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- Evening—Philadelphia, Epiphany, Sherwood, the Visiting Bishop.
- March 16—Thursday
Evening—Chester, St. Luke, Bishop Taitt.
Evening—Cheltenham, St. Aidan, the Visiting Bishop.
- March 17—Friday
Evening—Chester, St. Mary, Bishop Taitt.
Evening—Doylestown, St. Paul, the Visiting Bishop.
- March 19—Fourth Sunday in Lent
Morning—Philadelphia, Holy Apostles, Bishop Taitt.
Morning—Philadelphia, St. James's, the Visiting Bishop.
Afternoon—Wynnewood, All Saints, Bishop Taitt.
Afternoon—Yeadon, St. Michael, the Visiting Bishop.
Evening—Philadelphia, St. Thomas, Bishop Taitt.
Evening—Philadelphia, St. Monica, the Visiting Bishop.
- March 21—Tuesday
Evening—Morton, Atonement, Bishop Taitt.
Evening—Hatboro, Advent, the Visiting Bishop.
- March 22—Wednesday
Evening—West Chester, Holy Trinity, the Visiting Bishop.
- March 23—Thursday
Evening—Philadelphia, St. Stephen, Bridesburg, Bishop Taitt.
- March 26—Passion Sunday (Fifth in Lent)
Morning—Chester, St. Paul, Bishop Taitt.
Afternoon—Philadelphia, Holy Trinity Chapel, Bishop Taitt.
Afternoon—Philadelphia, Saint Sauveur, Bishop Taitt.
Evening—Darby, All Saints, Bishop Taitt.
- March 27—Monday
Evening—Media, Christ, Bishop Taitt.
- March 29—Wednesday
Evening—Philadelphia, Holy Trinity, Bishop Taitt.
- March 30—Thursday
Evening—Philadelphia, Holy Comforter Chapel, Bishop Taitt.

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LENTEN PREACHING

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Mon. to Fri., March 20 to March 24—Rev. Arthur Lee Kingsolving, D.D., Rector, Trinity Church, Boston.

Saturday, March 25—Rev. Frederick W. Blatz, Rector, St. Peter's Church.

Mon. to Fri., March 27 to March 31—Rt. Rev. Charles E. Woodcock, D.D., Bishop of Kentucky.

Saturday, April 1—Rev. John R. Hart, Ph.D., Rector, Washington Memorial Chapel, Valley Forge.

Mon. to Fri., April 3 to April 6—Very Rev. Noble C. Powell, D.D., Dean, Washington Cathedral.

Good Friday, April 7—Rt. Rev. Francis M. Taitt, S.T.D., Bishop of Pennsylvania.

Easter Even, Sat., April 8—Not filled.

PERIODICAL CLUB

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House and Bishop Roberts addressed the members who attended the luncheon that followed at the Women's City Club, 1622 Locust Street.

New and up-to-the-minute books are still a paramount need in schools, colleges and libraries throughout the mission fields, while individual missionaries, teachers and other workers need magazines and other reading matter to brighten their lives and to provide source material to carry into their work.

Only through effort and prayer can the desired results be accomplished. God grant that every C. P. C. member may do her share in the coming year.

MARY M. H. ONYX.

MISSION PLANNED

The Rev. Howard Bonnell Spencer, Jr., O. H. C., of Holy Cross Monastery, West Park, N. Y., and the Rev. Paul C. Weed, Jr., assistant rector of St. Luke's Church, Greenwich Village, New York City, will be the speakers at the Lenten Preaching Mission scheduled to be held in the Church of St. James the Less February 26 to March 12, inclusive. The services will be conducted by the rector, the Rev. Charles Jarvis Harriman.

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CHURCH SCHOOL LEADERS MEET AT LANSDOWNE

ONE of the finest presentations of the missionary work of the Church, which visibly impressed the 150 persons present, was made by Miss Charlotte Brown, former missionary in Nevada, Eastern Oregon and North Dakota, at the meeting of the Southwestern Sunday School Association at St. John's, Lansdowne, on January 10.

Miss Brown, now living in "active retirement," devotes her time to promoting a wider interest in the frontiers of the Church in the Western States.

"There is a surprising degree of culture in the isolated areas of Nevada," said Miss Brown. "Its people are better educated than those in most rural districts and have a broader outlook. Many of them are mining engineers and their families, who went out seeking gold and found God."

In order to reach more families, Miss Brown started the Church School by Mail, for in town after town, she found, there were no churches at all. One woman, 40 years old, mother of two young boys, had never lived where there was a church.

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Miss Brown, before the World War, headed a large insurance office in Boston. She resigned to join an ambulance unit in France. Upon her return to the United States she volunteered for the mission field and became a United Thank Offering missionary.

Freas B. Snyder, president of the Southwestern Sunday School Association, presided. Dean Stanley V. Wilcox, of Chester, announced a pre-Lenten service for children at St. John's, Lansdowne, at 3:30 P. M., Sunday, February 19, when the Lenten Mite Boxes will be blessed and distributed to Church School children, who themselves will lead the service. The association voted to send the balance of its pledge to the China Relief Fund and to contribute \$10 to the Church School by Mail in Nevada.

The business meeting and dinner were followed by a devotional service in the church, where the Rev. Dr. Frederick P. Houghton, executive secretary of the diocese, preached on the responsibility of Church School teachers and the influence of their teaching through the years.

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Besides his work as a parish priest, Mr. Johnson is general manager of the Good Shepherd Hospital, at New Bern, where both white and Negro doctors and nurses are doing an outstanding job of inter-racial work.

Among Mr. Johnson's engagements while he was in the diocese were the following:

Jan. 29—11:00 A. M., St. Luke's, Germantown; 7:30 P. M., Phillips Brooks' Memorial Chapel.

Jan. 31—8:00 P. M., Men's Meeting, St. Mark's, Frankford.

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Feb. 2.—3:15 P. M., Woman's Auxiliary, St. James's, Phila.

Feb. 3.—8:00 P. M., St. Luke's, Kensington.

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